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Green Acton Drop & Swap 2012

Green Acton has held a successful Drop & Swap event for the past two years. This is a popular event that collects and re-purposes good, usable items for free to community members. Vendors at the event also provide a convenient opportunity for residents to donate items such as books, clothing, and household items and give people the opportunity to recycle plastics and electronics that might otherwise end up in the waste stream. The electronics recycling will be through an E-steward vendor, and plastic recycling will include many plastics that cannot be recycled through the transfer station.

This year, we will add document shredding (which will then be recycled). These are all valuable community services. Last year we counted over 400 attendees at the event.

We request that the Drop & Swap become a town sponsored event because it is beneficial to the town by redirecting reusable items away from the waste stream, saving the town money. We would like the town to support this event by advertising in the Municipal Quarterly, the Hazardous Waste mailer and on the town website and email list. The town could also publicize the event to people in need such as through the Housing Authority. In addition, we request a town truck be available to help transport unwanted items to the transfer station at the end of the event. This support would help defray Green Acton's costs as well as grow the event and increase the amount of recycling in town.

Green Acton will continue to be available to organize the event.

The vendors for 2012 will be:

ProShred - onsite document shredding
Bikes Not Bombs - bicycle recycling
More Than Words - book donations

HRGM - household goods recycling
Big Brother Big Sister - clothing & toy recycling

Conigliaro - plastics/upholstery recycling
Metech - electronics recycling