

Rethink, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Team (Plastic Bag Sub Committee) affirmed its decision to pursue a ban on plastic bags (as opposed to a fee) on businesses that get 2% of their income from the sale of food (excluding restaurant take-out). We are not seeking a fee on paper bags at this time. To call attention to the plastic bag problem, this team will be holding a City Clean-up at North Street Playground on Tuesday, October 31 from noon to 4:00. We have obtained permission to table at the Waterville polls on Election Day. We will be distributing reusable shopping bags. NRCM awarded us a \$500 grant to help with this. Bags will be solicited from area businesses. The next meeting will be Monday, November 13 at 6:00 in the Front Street Conference Room of Waterville City Hall.

The Food Recovery Committee (sort of a subset of RX4) did recycling and composting education at a community meal on October 17 at the Muskie Center. Linda distributed a few SMMC brochures.