

Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 14, 2024

PRESENT; E. Cabral, C. Cipriano, and C. Kowalski (R. Davis was absent)
The meeting started at 7:00 pm.

MINUTES

The committee reaffirmed the acceptance of the minutes of Jan. 24, 2024.

Minutes from Jan. 24, 2024, were read and approved with a motion by C. Kowalski and a second by C. Cipriano. The motion passed 3-0-0

Old Business

Increase in User Fees at the Kent Farm Transfer Station

E. Cabral missed the Selectmens' meeting to ask for the increases. The next meeting of the Selectmen will be February 26th. T. Harrington reported that Selectman Morse did mention why it was on the agenda and that one of the suggestions was to increase the permit fee to \$35 from \$25 along with some other fees. He also noted that the reason behind the increases is to help offset the increased costs at the transfer station. The discussion on the fees was tabled at the Selectmen's meeting until the next Selectmen's meeting.

New Business

New Contract updates

T. Harrington received the first invoice with the new rates and the recycling charges. She gave each member a copy for them to review. There was a credit on the invoice for yellow tops, which is the extra trash barrel program. The committee members thought that they would see more than the \$456.13 that was given as a credit. If the tipping fee was split and there was roughly 50 out there, the credit should be about \$1,575. T. Harrington also pointed out that she looked in 2023 and there was no credit and didn't remember one in the prior years, except for the first year. She was asked to see how many yellow tops there are and how the reimbursement is calculated.

2024 Flyer

Pinard Waste put together a flyer for 2024. The committee reviewed it for changes. One of the things noticed is that on the extra recycling barrel, it was a one-time fee (which has been the case for the first contract). Now there is a fee for recycling and the committee was concerned that the \$85 cost for the extra barrel doesn't cover the true cost. There were other areas that they thought should be changed and/or eliminated.

Some of the quick changes on the flyer- to add Casella and the Town logo on the top so it looks like a joint flyer, especially on the "in the bin" page. That could be reduced to fit in the logos. E. Cabral noted that there are spots that state Casella and some that state Pinard and thought it should be all the same. There were other areas that E. Cabral thought could be changed on the recycling page and suggested that she may try to redo it.

The committee has questions that they would like to ask about the programs and the extra barrels so it was thought to hold off on the overall changes until they had some answers.

C. Kowalski asked if we were able to internally take on the overflow recycling program and leave Pinard to do the trash (yellow top) program, due to the cost of the tipping of recycling.

There were five questions that the committee came up with to ask Pinard.

1. How many of the yellow top barrels were out in Hampstead in 2023.
2. Lost of those that received the extra blue barrel
3. How the refund on the yellow top is figured out.
4. Did the yellow top program go up to cover the \$20 jump in the tipping fee.
5. Do we need to reassess the recycling program extra cart due to the tipping costs and whether it was feasible to take it on internally. If we did it internally, would need to determine a process.

The new packer has been put in at the transfer station. T. Harrington noted that more items should be going into the packer instead of the roll offs according to J. Lavacchia, which will help on costs. There was a quick discussion on large signs to be put at the packers.

Follow up on someone doing an evaluation of the Kent Farm Facility to determine what it could be used for down the road.

Member Update

There were none.

Upcoming Events

Curbside Bulk pick up – March 16th

NEXT MEETING

March 13, 2024- J. Lavacchia invited someone to come in and talk to the committee about the transfer station.

Motion to adjourn at 8:10 pm was made by C. Kowalski and seconded by C. Cipriano.

The motion passed 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Harrington, Secretary