

Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2015

Present: Bob Nugent, Pat Bracken, Ellen Cabral, Chris Kowalski
Guests:

The meeting opened at 7:30 pm.

Minutes

The minutes from December 17, 2014 were reviewed.

Mr. Bracken had a couple edits:

- In Household Hazardous Waste... change “not participate” to “to recommend we do not participate”

Mr. Nugent made a motion to accept the amended minutes, all in favor. The minutes are accepted.

Old Business

The board accepted the committee’s recommendation to increase the rates that were proposed in the December 17, 2014 minutes.

The Central School opted to do the Garbage Guerilla class for the selected classes in the spring around Earth Day. The RWD committee will be paying for this class from the grant money.

Mr. Nugent talked about benefits of NRRA and how he hopes someone from the committee, the town, the Central School can attend the annual conference this year, which is June 8 & 9. We have budgeted for two day passes. Ms. Cabral and Mr. Kowalski expressed interest in attending one day.

Mr. Bracken will find out which teachers at the Hampstead Middle School that may be interested in recycling, potentially attending an NRRA class or joining our committee.

Mr. Bracken said the Massachusetts information he found says they recognize there is radioactive material in smoke detectors, but they only recommend to put in the trash.

New Business

The committee reviewed the final 2014 totals for Recycling and Trash tonnage. The overall recycling rate average increased 2 percentage points in 2014 (29%).

The committee discussed composting. There is a service that picks up composting for a fee – then resident gets access to the compost when needed. We need to get ideas for how we can incorporate a way to divert compost from our trash stream.

What to include in the brochure:

- Survey link to see who composts... put link on the Hampstead web page
- Moving to the 4 day schedule – which streets will be changing? – include street list or at least streets that are changing
- Fee changes for transfer station passes/etc.
- Kent Farm schedule
- Weeks that offset trash pick up // holiday schedule
- Town Garage reminder of what can be accepted – Tina has the most recent list.
- Find out what the library is able to collect.
- Composting Class Schedule
 - NRRA classes scheduled – where can we have the classes in open settings? And/or have a Committee member be at?
 - Garden Club – annual sale out in front of Town Hall – Tina to find out if they are doing it this year, Cindi is the contact
 - Before one of the Tuesday concerts on the green in the summer
 - Earth Day activities?
 - St. Anne’s Summerfest
 - July 4th Fireworks – last Saturday in June
 - Depot Rd fields – set up something by snack shack
 - Fields outside the town hall – Saturday morning soccer in the fall
 - Voting day at the school, Pat to contact Neil Reardon to find out
 - New Member push
- Make that the the 2014 Recycling rate increased
- Make note about our 15k Grant received and what we are doing with the money, plug the video – located on the Hampstead site

Mr. Bracken will draft a letter for the Plaistow BOS on why we are not participating in the Spring Hazardous Waste Committee in Plaistow.

Mr. Kowalski noted that “BestWay” was still noted on the Town of Hampstead 2015 Transfer Stations Regulations” sheet. Mrs. Harrington noted she will make the edit.

Review the draft of the flyer for the February 11th meeting.

Business concluded, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.