

Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2015

PRESENT: Pat Bracken; Chairman, Ellen Cabral (around 8 pm), Chris Kowalski, and Bob Nugent

The meeting opened at 7:30 pm

Guests: Penny Williams, (Tri Town News), Steve Harms

MINUTES

Edit Hannaford Bags paragraph, fifth line add “bags” after two.

Compost bins paragraph second line add “as” after same

Annual Conference paragraph change through on first line to that.

The minutes of March 11, 2015 were accepted as edited with a motion by B. Nugent and a second by C. Kowalski and passed 3-0. (EC absent at this time).

Old Business

It was noted that there seems to be some issues with what is trash and what is recycling for the trash company. It was discussed that there may be an issue with people combining the two and creating the contaminated recycling. It was discussed to see if the issue could be policed more by the drivers and for them to call in more often when there is an issue. It may also take educating the residents to keep the barrels separate.

Windfield Alloy

Steve Harms was present to go over some to the changes with the transfer station and Windfield Alloy. He explained that Windfield is no longer taking the lightbulbs at all and are now charging for taking the televisions or CRTs. Mr. Harms explained that he made a few phone calls and looked at the State of NH contract and the cost of \$.30 per pound for the tv's from Winfield is the best price. He noted that the NRRA was waiting to get the new price from their vendors because of issues with the CRT's. Mr. Bracken asked if Mr. Harms knew why there was an issue all of a sudden. Mr. Harms responded that he felt it was difficult to get rid of them for the recycling companies. Windfield Alloy took the CRT/TVs for free along with our white goods in exchange for them getting the scrap metal. Mr. Harms noted that the metal market is down right now. He did note that Windfield Alloy is still taking the propane tanks and freon items at no charge. The Town employees load the Town truck at the transfer station and unload the truck at Winfield Alloy. Mr. Harms explained that they could look into keeping the scrap metal, but the roll off cost eats into any potential revenue. He did suggest that if anything changes in regards to the freon/white goods/propane it might be worth looking at alternatives.

The estimates that Mr. Harms has received for the lights (CFL) are at \$.30 per pound and the tubes are \$.06 per foot. There is an option of getting the machine that grinds the lights and then you pay per pound fee. The committee agreed to stay with Windfield Alloy right now. Mr. Kowalski asked if the funds in the budget would cover the cost of the CRT/TVs and was told that it should because we get the revenue for them from the residents. Mr. Nugent stated that there is still a lot that goes to the transfer station that could be recycled. They discussed issues with cardboard and how people are able to dispose of it. There is the recycling container at the Town Garage and a container at the Kent Farm Transfer Station. Mr. Harms said that people should be aware that when it comes into the transfer station it will be taken to the landfill/incinerator. He refers people to the container at the garage because the one at the transfer station is not recycled. He has not been able to find someone to put a container at the transfer station and pick it up. Mr. Harms has been told it was not cost effective for the companies. Mr. Nugent said that there should be a solution and it would be worth seeing how others have dealt with similar issues. There was discussion about a baler and storing the cardboard. The estimated cost of a baler is \$5,000 but the storage of the cardboard could be an issue.

Hannaford and Brown paper bags

Mr. Bracken announced that he had heard from one of the two teachers he contacted regarding coloring the brown paper bags. She stated that she was not able to fit it into her curriculum for this year and was already working on a grant funder environmental project. It was suggested to contact the Art Teacher, Mr. Terrile and see if it is something he would be interested in doing. The original goal was to have one class do the garbage guerilla day and one of the others to do the bags.

Hampstead Central School

The Garbage Guerilla day will be held on Wednesday, April 22, 2015. The class will be 9 am to 10 am and then at 10 am the assessment. It was discovered that there is a grant available for the programs at the school and Ms. Cabral will talk with Gwen about it.

New Business

Compost Bins

Ms. Cabral will said that the NRRA will do a compost class titled "Back to Earth Composting" at the Library for a cost of \$500 for May 19th. She asked that if the committee was okay with it that the committee donate a compost bin.

Ms. Cabral motioned to authorize the cost of a compost class be paid from the Recycling Account in the amount of \$500. Mr. Kowalski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Kowalski motioned to donate a compost bin for the composting class. Mr. Nugent seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

It was suggested to get the compost bin to the library early so that it advertises the class. The class will also be advertised through the library and on the Facebook page. There was discussion as to how to award the compost bin and it was suggested to have emails sent in and then draw one email for the winner at the end of the night.

The committee talked about upcoming events that they could be at to push the composting. Ms. Cabral is still working on talking with the Garden Club to see if there is something that could be done collaboratively. She noted that they have been playing telephone tag.

NRRA Conference

The schedule was given to each member to review and determine when they want to go. Mr. Nugent and Ms. Cabral are both interested in Monday.

Motion to adjourn at 9:25 pm was made and seconded and passed 4-0.

NEXT MEETING

May 13, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Harrington,
Recording Secretary