

**Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2015**

PRESENT: Pat Bracken; Chairman, Ellen Cabral, Chris Kowalski, and Bob Nugent

The meeting opened at 7:30 pm

Guests: Selectman Lindquist, Penny Williams, (Tri Town News)

MINUTES

The minutes of February 11, 2015 were accepted with a motion by C. Kowalski and a second by B. Nugent and passed 4-0.

Old Business

2015 Flyers- The committee thanked Ellen Cabral for all the work done on the 2015 flyer and organizing the marketing supplies (table cloth and bags).

E. Cabral stated that the flyers will be a light green paper and the cost for Hampstead Print and Copy is \$1500 for printing and postage. It is estimated that there are 4069 mailing addresses but will have 4300 copies printed and leave the rest at the town office. Ms. Cabral stated that she did look at the cost at other places and HPC was cheaper. There were some minor changes made to the flyer.

Mr. Nugent talked about the caps on bottles and if they are allowed or not. He understood that it caused an issue with the machines that processed the recycling. The Casella website states that the caps can stay on. There was also discussion about whether or not milk cartons (waxy plastics) could be recycled.

A motion was made to allow the spending of up to \$1,400 for the flyer and mailing with the funds to be taken from the Recycling Fund. The motion was seconded by B. Nugent and passed 4-0.

Hannaford and Brown paper bags- Mr. Bracken spoke with Hannaford about having the HCS 4th grade class color the brown paper bags and then Hannaford would distribute them. They would need to know how many. Mrs. Harrington will give P. Bracken the fourth grade teacher's information that was recommended by P. Williams and he will ask them if they are interested. They quickly estimated 150 bags if all the kids did two bags. The committee also would like to have the teachers involve P. Williams to take pictures of the kids during the project, if they accept it.

Hampstead Central School- E. Cabral will follow up with the NRRA regarding the Garbage Guerilla Day. E. Cabral suggested that there should be something to give the kids that participate in the Garbage Guerilla Day and the committee thought about pencils.

A motion was made by P. Bracken to allow E. Cabral to spend up to \$200 for something to give out. R. Nugent seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Household Hazardous Waste Day- There is no confirmation from Plaistow to participate in the fall collection. Mrs. Harrington contacted Veolia and was told there was no conflict for that date and that they would confirm. She has not heard from anyone yet so she will contact Danville and Plaistow to get a contact person to confirm the date.

New Business

2015 Scheduled Pick up schedule- Casella finally sent the information on the route changes they anticipate by stopping Friday collections. The information will be added to the flyer going out. The original request from Casella was for an April change but the committee wanted at least two months to get the word out there so the agreed on date will be Monday, May 4th. The committee would like to see a copy of the letter that is sent to the residents.

Compost Bins- with the pushing of composting this year it was suggested to purchase more compost bins. The cost is the same as last year to purchase and the deadline is March 13th to order them. The committee agreed to purchase 20 compost bins (min. order) and when they are sold to put the money back into the recycling fund. The Committee plans on giving away a compost bin at each of its lectures so the full amount won't be deposited back.

C. Kowalski motioned to purchase 20 compost bins at \$50 each for a total of \$1,000 and to take the money from the recycling fund along with giving away at 4 or 5 compost bins. The motion was seconded by B. Nugent and passed 4-0.

Recycling Bins- The bins are almost gone and the committee agreed to purchase more bins. The cost in 2014 was \$1,275 which included shipping for 150 bins.

P. Bracken made a motion to order 150 recycling bins with a not to exceed total cost of \$1,350 and the funds are to come from the town budget, misc. line item. The motion was seconded by C. Kowalski and the motion passed 4-0.

Annual Conference- R. Nugent noted that he recently saw that the NRRA that there is grant money available to send students to the annual conference. He will contact the NRRA to see what the process is and how many would be allowed. The Committee discussed sending up to 6 students and one teacher. They were told by P. Williams that there was a new policy in place regarding transportation for field trips at the Middle School and may want to speak with the principal before going to much further. P. Bracken will contact the principal. The grant is through New Hampshire the Beautiful (NHtB).

Garden Club-Public Library- There is a class coming up at the library through the Garden Club that might be good for the committee to hook up with for the composting. E. Cabral will contact Cindy Lanouette from the Garden Club, or Janet Arden at the library to see if there was a way to participate. The Committee also thought about some other public events that were coming up that they could reach people at. Mrs. Harrington will fill out the paperwork for the summer concert series to be able to have a table set up. This gets approved by the Board of Selectmen.

2014 Annual Facility Report- Mrs. Harrington stated this is done every year and is due by March 31st.

Motion to adjourn at 9:27 pm was made and seconded and passed 4-0.

NEXT MEETING

April 8, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

Agenda:

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Harrington,
Recording Secretary