

Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2024

PRESENT; E. Cabral, C. Cipriano, R. Davis (arrived at 7:15) and C. Kowalski
The meeting started at 7:00 pm.

MINUTES

The committee reviewed the minutes of March 13, 2024

Minutes from March 13, 2024, were read and approved with one correction on page 1 where there is a single R motion by C. Kowalski and a second by C. Cipriano. The motion passed 3-0-0.

Old Business

Recap of March 13th meeting

The committee recapped the last meeting. There is no further information from the company for this meeting. E. Cabral walked away from that meeting feeling that there were options for us which may not be extreme, but that there were options. C. Kowalski stated that all the options that were discussed have a cost to them. It was noted that trash costs are going to continue to go up and there needs to be a way to decrease the trash and for people to understand the financial impact. There were questions about what the town's responsibilities are to the residents to provide for trash removal, and does any change require a town meeting vote. T. Harrington mentioned that she believes it was a town meeting vote to go curbside and if not that, then for recycling curbside. Any potential alternatives would need to go through the Selectmen.

In the discussions about what Windham does, it was not known if Windham ever town had provided curbside pickup or just always had the transfer station.

Painting of the Swap Shop

R. Davis reported that the painter is still interested in doing the painting of the swap shop. He is behind on the jobs because of the weather, but he will get it done. There was discussion of the color, if it was "Caboose Red" or "Barn Red". E. Cabral will get a paint color for him, if R. Davis will find out what he uses.

New Business

Swap Shop-

The Swap Shop opens for the season on April 20th, with collection on April 13th. Ellen Cabral will be at the transfer station on the 13th and at the Swap Shop on the 20th. T. Harrington will do the swap shop on May 18th. T. Harrington was asked to speak with J. Lavacchia about the part-time DPW employee working for the swap shop.

Fishing Derby

The fishing derby is scheduled for April 20th. E. Cabral wasn't going to go to it to hand out bags this year. She put bags together and put them in the town hall lobby for people to pick up and use. The next town event will be the 4th of July events. R. Davis offered to have the bags available while she is also at the Cobbler Shop.

Town Wide Trash Pickup

A question was asked if the committee should look at getting the school involved in trash pickup. The consensus was that it wasn't a good idea for the kids to be out on the roads.

E. Cabral likes having bags given out at community events, it is a good time to push to get new members as well. T. Harrington was asked to see how the supply of blue bags was doing.

Classes/Events

The committee liked the idea of having a class at the library about the “do’s and don’ts of recycling”. It could include what happens to what is collected. They would like it to have some information that is specific to Hampstead and its collections. There was also a suggestion to do a survey about who composts.

Atkinson Fall Household Hazardous Waste Collection

T. Harrington reported that when Atkinson does the HHW collection, they send the bill to the towns without including what was scheduled to be received from the HHW grant from the State of NH. They recently sent a refund to the Town of Hampstead for this.

Member Update

E. Cabral put out a box in the lobby to collect the paper eclipse glasses. They will be shipped to a company that will send them to schools in the places where the next full eclipse is scheduled.

Upcoming Events

Household Hazardous Waste – Plaistow, April 27th 9 am to noon

Curbside Bulk pick up – April 20th and May 18th

Transfer Station open- May 11th (8-4)

Brush Day-May 11th and May 18th (8-4)

Swap Shop opens May 18th 10 am to noon

NEXT MEETING

May 8, 2024

Motion to adjourn at 8:20 pm was made by C. Kowalski and seconded by C. Cipriano.

The motion passed 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted, Tina Harrington, Secretary