

**Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
August 9, 2017**

**PRESENT;** E. Cabral, (Chairman), C. Kowalski, C. Cipriano, R. Nugent, and P. Wentworth

Guests: R. Davis

**MINUTES**

The minutes from July 12, 2017 were approved 5-0 with a motion to amend the spelling of “mid” on page 2 second paragraph by C. Kowalski and a second by R. Nugent.

**Old Business**

**Update/Discussion-**

E. Cabral mentioned that she was working on an article for Penny Williams to have for the newspaper regarding the increase in the tonnage and suggested ways to reduce the tonnage. P. Wentworth noted that it was in the current issue. ( A copy attached to the minutes).

*Kent Farm Reorganization-* Mr. Nugent contacted the couple that runs the Chester Transfer Station and doesn't believe they are interested in looking at our transfer station. He left it with them to contact him if they would like to look at the site.

The committee discussed that there are significant differences in the transfer stations such as the landscape, the amount of days they are open along with the fact that it is also for their regular trash collection. Mr. Nugent suggested that any committee member that wants could go to Chester to see how they do the recycling.

*Cardboard-* Mr. Wentworth emphasized that education of the public is important. He brought up the issues with cardboard. Cardboard is allowed curbside but people don't want to break it down. It was suggested again by Mr. Nugent that a container with a cover would make it easier to stack the cardboard and then work on a way to have it picked up. The cost for a cover would be about \$1,000 the last time he checked around. Mr. Kowalski stated that how to package the cardboard for storage, monitor it and ship it is hard to do unless it is done with some regularity. It was suggested to see if Casella would put a small one there. Mrs. Davis suggested that it be added to the RFP if feasible.

*Mattresses-* Mr. Wentworth also mentioned his concern with the number of mattresses that come into the transfer station. He suggested that the committee consider charging for them. He stated that they fill up at least one container each day the site is open. They discussed how many would fit into the container and the cost of the roll off and tonnage. Based on a 40 cubic yard container may fit up to 34 mattresses. The current rate is \$150 for the roll off \$81 per ton to dispose. Mr. Kowalski estimated that it cost about \$7.35 per mattress to dispose. Mrs. Harrington noted that the Town of Derry charges \$5 per mattress and the Town of Raymond charges \$10 per mattress. It was noted that if there was a fee charged, we may see less of them at the transfer station.

*Pressure Treated Wood-* It was also brought up that there is too much pressure treated wood being brought down to the site. The RAWD flyer clearly states that there should be no pressure treated wood brought in.

There was a quick discussion about potential impacts by charging for more items at the site. Ms. Cabral noted that when the allowed curbside rules were put in there did not seem to be any increase in trash thrown about town.

Ms. Cabral suggested that they go to the transfer station and watch the operation and observe the residents and what is coming in. They agree that signage is a great way to help and make the flow easier. It was agreed that those that wanted would be at the transfer station around 10 am on August 12, 2017. Mrs. Harrington will post in the event that a majority of the committee is present.

Mr. Kowalski asked about the status of the cell tower going in on the site. He suggested that if any site work needed to be done the right time would be while the site work for the cell tower is being done, and maybe the same company could help out at the same time.

### **New Business**

*Transfer Station Stickers*- Mrs. Harrington explained that the State of NH is changing the location of the inspections stickers starting October 2017. Currently all state inspection stickers are in the middle of the window behind the rearview mirror. The State of NH is now moving it to the bottom left window, which is where we require the transfer station stickers to be. Mrs. Harrington pointed out that it needs to be visible to the employees as they are talking to the driver and that the top left corner may be the best spot, which is currently used by a lot of oil change companies. The Town Clerk-Tax Collector sent in a suggestion of a placard to hang from the mirror.

The committee will review the options and discuss it at the September meeting.

*Town Wide Swap*-Ms. Cabral suggested that this would be a good opportunity to help people get rid of things they don't want instead of them being thrown in the trash. Mrs. Harrington explained that Town Wide Yard Sale that is sponsored by Community Caregivers in the Town of Hampstead. They are hosting their second one with anything left over being picked up by Savers. It was suggested that holding one around Earth Day and maybe using the transfer station as a site would be a good idea for the committee to think about.

R. Davis did submit a letter of interest in joining the committee. The committee welcomed her and will forward her letter of interest to the Selectmen for an appointment.

The next meeting was moved to the first Wednesday in September instead of the second one. It was noted that with Selectman Lindquist stepping down from her position, the committee would miss her. She was always active and supportive of the committee and will be missed. They would like to thank you for her years of service to the committee and the town.

**Motion to adjourn at 8:30 pm was made by P. Wentworth and seconded by C Kowalski and passed 5-0.**

### **NEXT MEETING**

**September 6, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.**

Continued discussion on RFP's

Future Agenda Item: Vendor from Cascade Cart Solutions

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Harrington,  
Recording Secretary