

**Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**November 8, 2017**

**PRESENT;** E. Cabral, (Chairman), C. Kowalski, C. Cipriano, R. Davis, and P. Wentworth  
Guests: J. Guthrie (Selectman) and Penny Williams, Tri Town News

**MINUTES**

The minutes from October 11, 2017 were approved 5-0 as amended with a motion by P. Wentworth and a second by C. Kowalski. The motion passed unanimously.

**Old Business**

2017 Budget-The proposed budget is up 3.18%. The committee reviewed the budget and agreed that it was the best budget they could put forward. It was discussed that they should start preparing for the 2019 budget which should have some larger increases. C. Kowalski and E. Cabral plan to attend the next budget meeting in December and will present the budget with some explanations about what are some drivers come down the road for increases. C. Cipriano asked if there was any better way to handle the potential changes or is the problem larger than just Hampstead. She also asked if the product going to China could be sent elsewhere. E. Cabral stated that she has spoken with people at the NRRA and it was stated that it is an industry issue and they are looking for other options. C. Cipriano stated that from what she has seen, Europe is way ahead of the US in its recycling. R. Davis spoke to using recycled products and said that sometimes it was cheaper to use the raw material than the recycled material and that drives costs.

**New Business**

October statistics show that the total tonnage is up 27.93 compared to the same time frame in 2016. It was also noted that the Kent Farm transfer station budget is holding up even with the huge tonnage report for October.

Mattresses- These are still an issue at the transfer station which is a reason that the committee is interested in charging for them. The mattresses are filling up one whole roll off and if the weather is bad before hauled out, they get wet and heavy. They discussed charging a fee based on the size such as a \$10 fee for Full/Queen/King and a \$5 fee for Twin. These fees are similar to what some other sites are charging for the mattresses. It was suggested that furniture stores be contacted to see if they charge for taking a mattress to see if it is comparable.

Swap Shop- R. Davis reported that she spoke with some of the workers at the Kent Farm facility about the potential of a swap shop. She explained that some of the employees were concerned about knowing what should be put into the swap shop or put in trash. E. Cabral stated that a member of the committee should be there on the days it is open to help out in that respect. She also stated that when talking to the NRRA they mentioned that a more permanent structure such as a shed that would be more weather resistant. E. Cabral stated that she would do some research on this for the next meeting. They are still going to leave the \$800 in the budget for the swap shop and will use some of the recycling fund money if needed. P. Wentworth was asked if space would be an issue with a shed and he stated that there should be enough room by the appliance area.

Cardboard- This was discussed as an issue collecting it at the transfer station. People need to be made aware that it is collected curbside, but needs to be broken down. There are costs involved having it collected at the transfer station.

Construction Debris- The Committee needs to readdress this so that none is taken at the transfer station. There are other options available to residents to dispose of it. Leaving it open to the discretion of the employees is putting them in a tough situation. P. Wentworth said that the can take untreated wood because it can go in the burn pile. They discussed the one door/one window discussion and stated when is it too much. They are going to look to update a flyer to explain more on how to recycle. The committee reviewed the draft presented by Chairman Cabral. This will be put up on the website and onto the committee's Facebook page.

Household Hazardous Waste- The recent collection as held in Kingston and attended by R. Davis and C. Kowalski. It was suggested that the address should have been advertised with the flyer. Mrs. Harrington stated that it was through their office. R. Davis reported that they could see people drive by and then return. It was also suggested that for the future HHW collections, they should put the vendor out to bid instead of just moving forward with Veolia. C. Kowalski did report that they work very well and efficiently. He stated that they came in with about 15 employees.

**Motion to adjourn at 8:27 pm was made by C. Kowalski and seconded by R. Davis and passed 5-0.**

**NEXT MEETING**

**December 13, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.**

To Discuss:

- 2018 Budget
- Swap Shop structure options
- Flyer for residents outlining unacceptable items, additional outreach ideas

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Harrington,  
Secretary