

**Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 6, 2017**

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

MINUTES

The minutes from August 9, 2017 were approved 5-0 with a motion to amend the date for the visit to the Kent Farm Transfer Station to August 12, 2017 by R. Nugent and a second by C. Cipriano.

Old Business

Review of visit to transfer station-

E. Cabral noted that she attended the recent transfer station drop off day along with R. Nugent, C. Cipriano, and P. Wentworth. She asked each member to note what they saw and came away with.

C. Cipriano said that she noticed there needs to be better signage at the different drop off spots such as the scrap metal location. She also that the mattresses are placed into one container and then the backhoe is used to move them to another container that will eventually be hauled out. She thought this was inefficient and the process should be looked at. P. Wentworth reported that they need an extension to the wall so that the cars can back into and drop off the mattresses. Further discussion on this was that if the wall is extended then they could make one container dedicated to mattresses.

R. Nugent said that signage/directions were important to have and available for residents so that the vehicles are packed according to drop offs. He also brought up the need for a swap shop. The committee members were surprised at the items that looked good from where they were standing that gets thrown out. There was discussion as to why it is brought there when there are options for residents. There was a suggestion to have items put aside and allow groups like Isiah 58 or Salvation Army to come in and take what they can use. R. Davis also noted that Habit for Humanity will come and pick up building supplies such as doors and that Rose's Place in Haverhill, MA will take household items. C. Cipriano asked if there was a shortage of information but E. Cabral responded she didn't think so. Overall it is probably easier to just bring it to the transfer station. P. Wentworth stated that putting items out curbside works good. E. Cabral stated that there were a lot of kids toys tossed out that looked in good condition. R. Davis said that not all people want that kind of things. C. Cipriano responded that she as a grandparent watches yard sales etc. for items they can use for the grandchildren.

C. Cipriano suggested that the stations be numbered with a map. New Hampshire the Beautiful (NHtB) will be contacted to see the process for getting signs. It was determined that there are about 7 stations that could be signed.

There was a quick discussion on construction debris. P. Wentworth said that it should be allowed or banned not a judgement call. P. Wentworth also noted that in speaking with a resident from Londonderry he was told that they are charged for everything that is taken in. The committee continued discussion on having a swap shop on a trial basis. It was discussed having it on a collection date separate from the bulk disposal day. They discussed having a canopy to store the items in and they also discussed using volunteers to staff which could be limited hours such as 8-1 or 9-2 and open it to everyone to look at.

TO DO List: PW to get estimates to extend the wall to budget for 2018 (cast concrete-formed and tied into the other piece).

TH/PW to get costs on non-permanent storage sheds (canvas/steel) that would protect the items. Determine a location at the transfer station, determine how it would work, get permission from the Board of Selectmen.

E. Cabral to contact the NRRA for suggestions or vendors.

Placement of Transfer station permits- At the previous meeting it was reported that the State of NH is moving forward with changing the location of the inspection stickers to the bottom left hand corner which is where the transfer station permits were located. After some discussion it was agreed to just state to be placed on the left side window and to make sure there are a few extra for those that lose their stickers due to the placement.

New Business

2018 Budget- The current budget along with the five history of the accounts was given to each member and will also be emailed to C. Kowalski along with the breakdown of the current expenses. The first public hearing on the budget should be October 11th, which is the next meeting night of the committee so there will not be a budget ready for the first round of presentations.

NRRA Newsletter- R. Nugent said that there was an article in the recent letter about 1-7 plastics that everyone should read. It was noted that #1 and #2 plastics are the ones worth money. C. Kowalski noted in reviewing the July numbers that the recycling numbers had gone back up.

Motion to adjourn at 8:37 pm was made by P. Wentworth and seconded by C. Cipriano and passed 5-0.

NEXT MEETING

October 11, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

Continued discussion on RFP's, Changes at Transfer Station

Future Agenda Item: Vendor from Cascade Cart Solutions

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Harrington,
Recording Secretary