

**Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2018**

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

GUEST: Mr. and Mrs. Chaulk (Angle Pond Woods) and Suzanne Fisher (Governors Island)

MINUTES

C. Kowalski made a motion to approve the minutes of August 8, 2018 with correction on the next meeting date. The motion was seconded by C. Cipriano. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0. C. Kowalski stated that he thought there was more talk at the August meeting regarding the issues with contamination and that it needs to be more clear on how to recycle. It was agreed to add the concern to this set of minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

No old Business

NEW BUSINESS

Resident Concerns regarding the new carts

Mr. Chaulk is the President of the Angle Pond Woods Condo Association. He stated that the 65 gallon carts have landed around town with a big thud. There are 116 units in the Angle Pond Condos and they are limited in space in garage and they can't handle carts that size. He asked the committee what was being fixed and why did they chose the largest hammer. He went on to state that it wasn't the best choice for everyone and asked what level of commitment it had to the town and what level of studying had they done. He also asked what they knew of the needs of the town. He also stated that they haven't told anyone what was being done.

E. Cabral responded that they were working with the hauler (Pinard) and that we weren't the first moving in this direction. She explained that there are generally three sizes (35, 65 and 95) to the carts and the committee went with the 65 gallon middle size one as being most cost effective and in line with the towns policy on trash. Mr. Chaulk asked if they could have the 35 gallon one. E. Cabral explained that they are looking into the possibility of some of the communities using the smaller cart. She also went on to explain that the Town of Hampstead allows up to 4 bags (kitchen size) or 2 30 gallon barrels for trash collection weekly. The 65 gallon cart fits in with this policy. The 35 gallon carts would not serve the majority of the town and the 95 gallon ones would allow to much trash. She also pointed out that it would be an all or nothing within the community and that the town was not going to go house by house and give an option. Mr. Chaulk asked if the truck could handle all the sizes. E. Cabral responded that the hauler has stated that the smaller cart tends to tip over more, which would mean the driver has to get out of the truck to pick it up and therefore was not recommended. C. Kowalski stated that there were several reasons for going with the 65 gallon and one was the stability in the snow. The dimensions were discussed and if there was a large difference from the 35 gallon to the 65 gallon in width etc. D. Chaulk said that they won't work in their community and that he would buy his own 35 gallon cart if that is what he had to do. E. Cabral stated that she understood his point but that it was a conversation for them to have with the company. They just recently signed the contract and are still working on the details. If a community (Condo Association) is okay with going with the smaller cart, the committee doesn't want them to come back because they are being shortchanged due to the town's allowed amounts. There is also a guarantee on the carts that the town will be providing. E. Cabral stated that they weren't trying to make things difficult but satisfy the town as a whole and they want people to be excited about the change, as the committee is. The Angle Pond Condo Association has their next meeting on October 20th.

Suzanne Fisher- Governors Island- She was present for the same purpose, the people that live on Governors Island take their trash down to the bridge on Sunday night for a Monday trash pick up. Most of them put the barrels in their car to bring down and one of the neighbors brings them back. She also pointed out that they were seasonal. She was concerned that the new carts would not fit in the cars and that there would be 14 trash carts lined up along with the 14 recycling carts and there is no place for them to go. It was mentioned that a couple of barrels could be left at the place they put their barrels on Sunday night, but she complained of it being unsightly and that the animals would get into them. After some discussion it was determined that this would need to be a

discussion with the hauler whereas they also don't want a dumpster in the area. Suzanne Fisher ultimately said that the best scenario was to change nothing. R. Davis offered to take a look on one of their trash days (Monday). E. Cabral left it with we would have Mr. Belanger access the area and determine what was the best answer. K. Fisher asked that she be advised when he would do the assessment so she could be there. The guests left at 8:12 pm.

E. Cabral asked the other members if they want to go down the road to allow some of the areas the option of the 35 gallon cart, one per residence for trash and one per residence for recycling. It would be an all or nothing choice by the Associations or Property Managers. C. Kowalski said that there was talk about anticipating about 10% of the population would want a smaller size, but the suggestion was to wait until it was an issue. C. Cipriano stated that it would be an issue for those that are older. It was agreed to hear those on a case by case issue, but to address the condo developments and mobile home parks now. The committee understands that these properties are all on private property and the committee only needs to state the town as a whole is moving with the 65 gallons, and that is all they are required to do. They all agreed that they would like to make this work for all residents. The thought was to offer the smaller cart to the Condo Associations and mobile home parks. In return they want a signed letter stating that the Association agrees to the small carts in the whole complex and that if any resident within it, wanted a second cart, they would need to pay for it even though they are allowed up to 60 gallons. The policy is one cart per residence for trash and one for recycling (unless it has an ADU apartment).

C. Kowalski made a motion to have Pinard talk to all the property managers of the Condo complexes and two mobile home parks and allow them the option of one size for the whole community without exception and to document the acceptance and understanding. R. Davis seconded the motion by adding that they need to document that they understand they are not taking the 65 gallon cart that the rest of the town would be allowed, and that they could purchase an additional one at their expense. The motion passed unanimously 5-0. The motion Mrs. Harrington will get an agreement done with Town Counsel.

Colors of the Carts-The committee looked at the various options for colors and decided to move forward with the Pepsi Blue for the recycling cart and the cool gray for the trash cart. The covers will be the same color as the cart. The additional cart that could be purchase from Pinard would be black with a yellow lid. The committee looked at the imprints for the labels. There were a few examples of the in mold style. Mrs. Harrington was asked to find the cost for the in-mold versus sticker versus imprint. The one they like the most was similar to one from Massachusetts.

C. Kowalski and E. Cabral were given the Budget Schedule for the 2019 budget cycle. Household Hazardous Waste Day will be held in Atkinson on October 13th from 9-12. There has been no request for help yet. Mrs. Harrington will contact the Road Agent and see what he needs. P. Wentworth asked if he could get a quote for a building to be built at the transfer station. The building would be half to be used as a swap shop and half as a place for the staff. This would be needed to bring forward in the 2019 budget.

NRRA Tour- R. Davis will be attending the NRRA bus tour and asked if anyone else was going. She is the only one going.

Motion to adjourn at 8:55 pm was made by P. Wentworth and seconded by C. Kowalski and passed 5-0.

NEXT MEETING

October 10, 2018

Respectfully Submitted, Tina Harrington, Secretary