

Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2021

PRESENT; P. Wentworth, C. Kowalski, Ellen Cabral and R. Davis

(Absent: C. Cipriano)

Meeting started at 7:00 pm.

MINUTES

C. Kowalski made the motion to approve the minutes from September 8, 2021. P. Wentworth seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

New Business

Pay-per-bag – The Committee agrees that starting in 2022 we should offer residents the option to purchase additional trash bags to alleviate issues when residents have more trash than their toter can fit. Tony Belanger (Pinard) stated that a 32-gallon bag could be place on top of an open toter. However, the Committee thinks this will convey a confusing message to residents if the toter is allowed to be open with the extra bags, since residents are currently required to ensure their lid is closed. T. Harrington to ask Tony is can they accommodate 1 additional bag on top of a closed toter. In addition, the Committee believes that we should purchase bags that are noticeably different than a regular trash bag, e.g. brightly colored with “Town of Hampstead” and rules on the bag, including place on the top of the toter and only 1 bag allowed on top of cart. Chris calculated the cost based on tipping fee (.235 cents per pound), cost of the bag (\$1.25) & handling costs and the estimate is \$9.50. The Committee thinks \$10 is the amount that should be charged.

2nd Compacter for Kent Farm– Tony Belanger (Pinard) provided a contact to reach. T. Harrington to reach out to Russ Bennett to discuss pricing and availability. T. Harrington to check to see if APRA 2022 funds could be used towards the purchase.

NH Recycling Stats – Tony Belanger (Pinard) provided T. Harrington with a contact at NH DES (Nelson Ordway) that could provide NH recycling % averages for towns like Hampstead.

Understanding Number of Hampstead Households that Recycle – Tony Belanger (Pinard) said he can ask drivers for a weekly estimate.

Brick Purchase – E. Cabral noted that the Hampstead Library is having a fundraiser for their new pavilion. E. Cabral discussed the idea of purchasing a brick from the RAWD grant fund and this was met with a favorable response. Engraved message: Hampstead Recycling Committee.

R. Davis made a motion to purchase an 8x8 brick for \$225 from the RAWD grant money for the Hampstead Library Fundraiser. C. Kowalski seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Shirts for Kent Farm & Swap Shop Team – In response to the discussion at the Sept. meeting, the Committee agreed that sweatshirts and t-shirts should be purchased for the Transfer Station employees (a bright color with “Staff” or “Town of Hampstead” - something clear that the person works for the town). Swap Shop employees should wear designated t-shirts that are different – perhaps with “Volunteer” on the back.

Heat/AC in Transfer Station Shed – As of today, work has not been done yet.

Rules Enforced at Transfer Station – The Committee needs to reinforce the message that trash bags are not allowed at the Transfer Station and starting in 2022 this will be strictly enforced. The documentation for new transfer station stickers needs to be updated. A meeting with the Transfer Station needs to be held to discuss importance of being consistent with enforcing the Transfer Station rules, such as no construction debris, no pressured wood, no trash bags.

Volunteers – On Saturday, October 16, the Swap Shop is open and E. Cabral and R. Davis volunteered to work this shift. On Sunday, October 17, Chester's Hazardous Waste Day is happening from 9-12. T. Harrington and E. Cabral will volunteer.

Future HHW days – E. Cabral to contact Plaistow Road Manager about RFP process and securing a vendor other than Veolia since the Spring event was the highest cost we have seen to date (\$150 per car compared to Hampstead's Fall 2020 event with Tradebe which was about \$50/car).

November Swap Shop – E. Cabral can work at the Swap Shop on Nov 20 so we can have it be open, weather permitting. We can accept Swap Shop items for the November Transfer Station Day but limit the amount of large items.

Budget Questions – C. Kowalski needs confirmation from T. Harrington about the toter purchase fee of \$92k (the annual fee charge is \$76k so he wants to know if this additional charge is for the new batch of toters purchased.) T. Harrington to contact Kingston about their vendor for HHW because we need to allocate funds accordingly (current estimate is \$13k for 2022).

Motion to adjourn at 8:25 pm was made by P. Wentworth and seconded by C. Kowalski and passed 4-0.

Upcoming Events

Swap Shop, Saturday, October 16, 10-12

Household Hazardous Waste- Chester, October 17, 9-12

Kent Farm Transfer Station, Saturday, November 13, 8-4

Swap Shop, Saturday, November 20, 10-12

NEXT MEETING

November 10, 2021

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen Cabral, Chairman