

Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2022

PRESENT; E. Cabral, R. Davis, P. Wentworth and C. Cipriano (absent C. Kowalski)
Meeting started at 7:00 pm.

MINUTES

Minutes from January 20, 2022 were read and approved
The motion passed 3-0-1.

Old Business

Extra Bag Program- The orange bags and green stickers are in. E. Cabral will do a test at home to see how the strong the bag is and how the process works putting the bag on top of the barrel. There will be verbiage on the purchase of the sticker that the resident is responsible if the bag falls off or rips. The program will be a six-month trial to see how often it is used and how well it works. The plan is to start it in April, which will allow time to get it advertised. The cost decided at the last meeting was going to be \$7.00 per sticker/bag (they will go together). It was thought that the bag may be tough to tie and no ties came with it so E. Cabral will test with a plastic zip-tie.

2022 Flyer- There was discussion about updating the information and get it out with the information on the extra bag program and that bags will not be accepted at the transfer station. It can also add the information about the Swap Shop. The extra trash cart through Pinard is now at \$175 for a year, and is prorated the first year. T. Harrington was asked to see if there were any changes to what is allowed for recycling curbside, especially black plastics.

Clean Up Hampstead Day- This is set for Saturday, May 7th. It will get advertised, but the residents can actually do it whenever they want and notify the town of where the bags are located to be picked up. Bags will be available at the Town office during normal business hours, and on May 7th at the Town Office front steps from 9 am to 11 am. There was discussion about having the blue bags available at the transfer station, but decided against this idea and instead will be available at the Swap Shop on April 16th.

ARPA Funds- There was request to see what else needs to be done to be considered for the ARPA funds for a new packer. T. Harrington reported that she needs to get a cost and proposal together but the request had been submitted to get on the list.

New Business

Compost Class- There was discussion about whether or not to have a compost class and if so whether the NRRA had someone that would do it. The compost bins should be advertised again and T. Harrington will check to see how many are left. R. Davis will do some research on composting companies to see if they also would do guest speaking and this could be done the same day as the clean up Hampstead day. It was suggested that if they can find a speaker that it be held outside, such as the bandstand or Ordway Park.

The Reuse Caboose Swap Shop- Everyone agreed to go with the Reuse Caboose and now need to look at getting the container cleaned up and painted. The committee will need to find a company that can do the prep work and paint the container (via the spray method). They would also like to have an art student come in and paint some drawings such as a train on the container. Will use the Facebook page to see if there is any interest.

There was a question about the plastic bags and the Trex program. It was wondered if there was a more efficient way to collect plastic bags such as at the Kent Farm Transfer Station. This was thought to go against the message of no plastic bags at the transfer station. The local stores still allow people to drop off their plastic bags and there are still people collecting bags to turn into Trex. There was also the question as to whether or not Trex was the only option and if benches were the only option. From the understanding, Trex is the only company doing such as project and according to their website, only benches are being given out on the bag recycling program.

Need to look at new signage for the packer to show no plastic bags- bagged trash.

T. Harrington reported that in talking with the current hauler, we should be prepared for some sticker shock when the RFP time comes in 2023.

Motion to adjourn at 8:05 pm was made by E. Cabral and seconded by P. Wentworth.
The motion passed 4-0.

Upcoming Events

Curbside Bulk pick up February 19th

NEXT MEETING

March 9, 2022

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Harrington, Secretary