

Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 8, 2021

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

MINUTES

*P. Wentworth made the motion to approve the minutes from November 10th, 2021 with correction of R. Davis at top of page. Second by C. Kowalski.
The motion passed 5-0.*

Old Business

Kent Farm Station- E. Cabral, S. Morse, S. Harms and P. Wentworth looked at the site to see where a second packer would fit and they agree that it would fit there, but may be a little tight. E. Cabral also reported that S. Harms gave her some information to put onto the 2022 flyer.

The committee discussed where to go with the concerns that had about rules and expectations. It was suggested that the rules be explained and that more information be on the website for the rules- such as no trash taken and no bags accepted. The flyer will need to be updated to reflect that as well. P. Wentworth pointed out that ultimately it is the Board of Selectmen who have the authority

Shed Update- The heating/ac unit is working and the electric is all set up and paid for. Only items left would be closing up the walls.

Household Hazardous- The fall invoice has not yet come in. T. Harrington will reach out to Chester.

ARPA Funds- The committee would like to move forward with requesting funds from the ARPA funds and asked what they would need to do. They would need to come up with a cost proposal and include the second packer, the pad, electricity costs and paving the area. There would also be a cost avoidance calculation in that what the second packer would save money or time on. It was noted that there would be fewer wait times when the one packer is swapped out. There would be less wear and tear on the first packer which is at least 20 years old. A quick estimate is that it could save about \$2,400 annually by having less roll offs at \$188 a roll off. A proposal will be put together when the time comes to present the request.

Grant money- It was decided to put off the discussion about ways to use the funds until 2022. The thought is to fund something annually

Overflow Bags- T. Harrington reported that it is difficult to find a small quantity of bags, most companies have a 10,000 minimum. Bags could be purchased from a store, but wouldn't have a logo on them and they would be easy for people to buy themselves from the store. It was suggested to see if Ram Printing (R. Davis will check with someone at Ram) could be a logo on bags purchased, or purchase a stamp with the town on it and when they purchase the bags, stamp them. The committee discussed the reason for the overflow bag, which would be to help those that have an occasional extra bag and don't want to buy the annual subscription barrel. It is also a way to stop bags from going to the transfer station. When trash bags are put into the packer, it is not known what is in them so the preference would be to eliminate them. There is also the issue of trash bags going into the roll off containers and then they are denied at the Casella facility because they are not licensed to take trash

there. E. Cabral will go to the Selectmen's meeting for December 27th to explain the plan and why they are looking to go in this direction. The estimated cost of the bag would be \$10.00 each. They will look to get the approval to move forward from the Selectmen.

New Business

2022 Budget- C. Kowalski prepared the 2022 budget. It was presented at \$816,821.00 which is a decrease of \$18,659.00. It was suggested to add more money to the Kent Farm Salaries for an additional person. It was estimated at 8 hours a day for 8 days at a rough rate of \$20 = \$1,280.00. The line item will be adjusted to reflect the cost.

Swap Shop Name- E. Cabral stated that people think they need to bring items in order to take items as in the name swap. She would like to rename it to something else and asked the others to think of names for the next meeting. A couple that came up quickly were "Free for All" "Finders Keepers" and "Second Time Around".

T. Harrington will reach out to Isaiah 58 regarding what they could take from the swap shop.

E. Cabral reported that she had the sandwich sign to clean up and repaint.

Motion to adjourn at 8:14 pm was made by P. Wentworth and seconded by C. Kowalski and passed 5-0.

Upcoming Events

Board of Selectmen meeting 12/27/21

NEXT MEETING

January 12, 2022

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Harrington, Secretary