

Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2021

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

MINUTES

*C. Kowalski made the motion to approve the minutes from June 9, 2021 pending the correction of the name in the last motion, and Home Depot to Barron's.
The motion passed 3-0.*

It was noted that there were no meetings held in July and August.

New Business

Kent Farm Station- It was suggested that the employees that work at the Kent Farm Station wear shirts that distinguish them to the public. There were some other discussions regarding the transfer station. There was a suggestion that the staff should not be unloading people's vehicles, but be more of an observer to see what is being brought in. The committee would like to see the staff covering each of the areas. As an example, it was suggested to not have two people at the scrap metal, but one there and one on the packer on the other side. There was a suggestion that there be a meeting prior to the opening in 2022 to go over proposed changes and emphasize the rules.

Some other issues that have come up are trash bags being put into the packer along with wood. There should be a sign at the packer that states no wood is accepted. There should be no exceptions. With the bags, the concern is not knowing what is in the bags such as hazardous waste or just regular household trash. With banning any bags there should be an option curbside for extra trash. This will be discussed after getting some information from Pinard. This change of no bags would go into effect in 2022. Pinard will be asked how it would work if residents are allowed one bag extra on top of the cart. C. Kowalski was asked to verify what the cost should be for either a sticker or for a bag which had previously been calculated.

P. Wentworth asked if it was possible to use the ARPA funds for a second packer. He suggested that with the second packer, a couple of the roll-offs may be able to be eliminated. If the committee were to look into a second packer, there would need to be more employees and P. Wentworth asked what the age requirements were. The committee will look into the age requirements.

Old Business

Still need to work on ways to interest new members. This will be something to work on over the winter to put a plan in place for the spring.

In reviewing the tonnage, there was a question as to whether or not Pinard could count the number of carts that are out. T. Harrington will check with them.

Shed Update- Waiting on the heating/ac unit to be installed and the insulation is done.

Household Hazardous- The next collection is in the fall in the Town of Chester. According to their flyer, Tradebe will be the vendor. The Town is receipt of the Spring 2021 HHW collection from the Town of Plaistow. Our portion of the cost was just over \$10,000 which amounted to about \$150 per car. It was suggested that T. Harrington reach out to the Town holding the fall 2022 collection and suggest they put it out to bid.

Next Meeting

Motion to adjourn at 8:27 pm was made by P. Wentworth and seconded by C. Kowalski and passed 3-0.

Upcoming Events

Kent Farm Transfer Station open Saturday, September 11^h 8-4

Swap Shop open, Saturday, September 18th. 10-12

Household Hazardous Waste- Chester, October 9th 9 am to noon

NEXT MEETING

October 13, 2021

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Harrington, Secretary