

Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee

Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2019

PRESENT; E. Cabral, (Chairman), R. Davis, C. Cipriano, C. Kowalski and B. Nugent

Guests: None

MINUTES

R. Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of July 10th, 2019. The motion was seconded by C. Cipriano. The motion passed of 5-0-0. (There was no meeting in August 2019)

NEW BUSINESS

Household Hazardous Waste- The next collection is in Danville on October 26th from 9 am to noon. The location is 210 Main Street in Danville. The website has been updated with the new information. Both E. Cabral and R. Davis would be available to work it. T. Harrington will reach out to Danville and let them know. The NRRA has sent out information that they can help facilitate HHW collections. E. Cabral will reach out to them for more information. She also explained that she believes there are better ways to do the collection and would like to reach out to the NRRA and other communities. She noted that there were things that could be taken out of the HHW collection stream and taken care of properly such as light bulbs.

2020 Budget- It is time to start the process on the 2020 budget. Hampstead will be host to the fall Household Hazardous Waste Day collection and will need to budget for the anticipated cost.

Extra Trash Bags- Letter regarding options for additional occasion trash- S. Finocchario submitted a letter asking that the committee discuss an option for residents that occasionally have an extra trash bag, but not enough to justify purchasing a second cart. She asked that the committee consider a free solution for those residents. The committee discussed the pros and cons of having an extra bag program. The bag would need to go on top of the cart. There was discussion about it being a specific bag and at a cost. There would need to be an education component on it to make sure residents do it correctly so that the trucks can continue operating properly. (ie bags falling on ground). E. Cabral remembered that there was a community in the Lake's region that had purchased PAYT bags and the town quickly voted it out and they were left with the bags. It was suggested to see if we could get the information about their bags from T. Belanger at Pinard. This will be the first Christmas on the new system so if there were going to be any changes, now would be the time to consider it. The committee stated that they would need to set a cost of the bag and the numbers mentioned were anywhere from \$10 per bag to \$15 per bag. The committee would need to look at the formula to determine the actual cost per additional bag. The committee asked T. Harrington how many calls they get asking for additional trash disposal. T. Harrington replied that if they get any it may be one per month.

Pinard Updates- The Committee suggested that T. Belanger be invited to the next meeting along with S. Harms to get updates and sort out some ongoing issues. They would like to hear from Pinard about how many issues are still going on such as how many stickers being given out, number of calls and complaints.

OLD BUSINESS

Realtor Letter- R. Davis found out that she couldn't send out a blanket notice like she was hoping, but will follow up in the local real estate offices to make them aware of making sure on transfer of property that the carts stay behind. The new homeowner would be required to pay to get a replacement cart.

Organics- E. Cabral reached out to Principal Collins and found out that the Central School has started composting their kitchen scraps and it is going to Sweet Baby Vineyards. She also noted that she mentioned having members of the committee watching the process to help it work but was told to hold off until they see how the program works.

Cardboard Recycling- There is still some issues with the cardboard recycling. It was suggested to see if a larger container was needed at the garage. It was decided to see how this next bulk day went. It was mentioned that

the larger issue is that people aren't taking the time or choosing not to break down the boxes so they end up going into the containers at the Highway Department or Kent Farm.

Mattresses at the Transfer Station- T. Harrington noted that there are still fees being charged for the mattresses collected at the Kent Farm Transfer Station. We are being charged \$40 per mattress to take it to the Casella facility in Raymond. It was suggested to get a copy of the letter Pinard received explaining the reason for the change. The Committee would need to ask the Selectmen to increase the fee for 2020 and would want it in place for when people start purchasing transfer station permits.

Member Updates

R. Davis announced that the trash bag hanging at the West Road trails seems to be working well. They haven't noticed much trash in the area since it went up. T. Harrington announced that Rockingham County House of Corrections recently had people on Depot Road and West Road along with some other roads picked up for trash.

Upcoming events:

Transfer Station Open September 14th 8-4

Curbside Bulk Pick up September 21st

Household Hazardous Waste Day- October 26th 9-noon

Motion to adjourn at 8:31 pm was made C. Kowalski and seconded by R. Nugent and passed 5-0-0.

NEXT MEETING

October 9th, 2019

Respectfully Submitted, Tina Harrington, Secretary