

**Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
October 9, 2019**

**PRESENT;** E. Cabral, (Chairman), R. Davis, P. Wentworth, R. Nugent and C. Kowalski

**Guests:** Pinard/Tony Belanger, Town of Hampstead/Steve Harms

**MINUTES**

*R Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of September 2019. The motion was seconded by R. Nugent. The motion passed of 5-0-0.*

**NEW BUSINESS**

E. Cabral asked Tony why there were recent complaints by residents that streets were being missed in September. T. Belanger noted that there were truck issues and a newly rehired employee (John Began) could have been the reason. The problems were resolved since complaints stopped. Pinard does not track number of stickers. There have been 439 entries into the driver complaint log. Only 6 have been in the last month and that is for carts being too close or reversed.

T. Belanger said Pinard is working on a new recycling information website (recyclesmartNH) which would be an updated version of the current recycling info site we encourage residents to use ([www.recyclesmartma.org](http://www.recyclesmartma.org)) T. Belanger said it will have updated rules, such as if the item doesn't have a cap or cork or lid with it – it's not recyclable (i.e. fast food plates). No "tanglers" i.e. plastic bags, hoses, copper wire are not part of MSW recycling.

Regarding an extra bag to sell residents, T. Belanger confirmed we can have a program that would allow residents 1 bag on top of the trash tote. The committee is still discussing the cost, but early estimates are \$10-\$12 per bag.

R. Nugent said that at NRRA he heard that paper and cardboard and glass were not being recycled at many recycling plants, but T. Belanger confirmed these materials are being recycled. The market is not great but better than trash cost. The fewer the contaminants the easier it is to market.

C. Kowalski asked about the rising cost of mattress disposal fees and how we should be calculating this fee for 2020. T. Belanger said the mattress market is dependent on the receiver of the goods as far as charges and costs. If Hampstead can separate the mattresses out of the MSW T. Belanger may be able to work a method to reduce the costs from \$40 per maybe as low as \$10 per mattress. Hampstead will focus on keeping only mattresses in one roll-off container at Kent Farm, noted by S. Harms.

P. Wentworth confirmed Kent Farm Transfer Station pickup and hauls are working better now. P. Wentworth noted that some roll-offs were taking up to 1 month to get picked-up and T. Belanger noted that Pinard forgot the contract states Kent Farm Transfer Station roll-offs should be picked up after 2 business days. T. Belanger will address this to ensure that the containers are hauled and replaced.

R. Nugent asked about commercial composting options. T. Belanger said Agri-Cycle in Maine is increasing their area of influence and will eventually have NH. Mass efforts are helping stimulate the effort to compost especially in heavy producers (1 Ton per week?)

S. Harms noted that there are problems in having the residents follow the procedures at the transfer station. There is a need for a map and a loading /unloading process that residents should follow to allow for smooth operation and limiting the circling needed. E. Cabral noted that we should adjust the communication with the annual sale of the Transfer Station stickers to address the order in which

residents should be disposing of trash at Kent Farm. E. Cabral noted she will work with Tina on this sheet. Also, the group discussed that ideally the town clerk should say a few words to encourage proper loading of their haul to the transfer station to those residents buying stickers.

S. Harms noted that workers are few and the training is tough to complete and maintain. C. Kowalski noted that perhaps NRRRA can help to keep certifications current. S. Harms noted that it's still difficult to stop C&D and the committee agreed we need to increase education to reinforce what is and is not allowed at the transfer station.

S. Harms said that since there are only 8 dump days Apr to Nov that Oct and Nov are very busy. There are 4 brush days which are relatively easy. No burn days. Metal is still being taken by Winfield at no charge to Hampstead.

P Wentworth will look into a 20x30 cement pad for the future Kent farm building, his ballpark estimate is ~\$1000. It should be done this year in the 2019. It will have a permit and a final location.

Budget was quickly discussed with suggestions accepted.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Household Hazardous Waste -E. Cabral would like to send out an RFP for the Hazardous Waste Day collection. We are scheduled to host the fall 2020 collection. The RFP should go out in the spring to be ready for the fall collection. T. Harrington will look for some RFP's. E. Cabral had mentioned that she would like to have a meeting with the other communities also.

Upcoming events:  
Hazardous Waste Day Oct 26

Motion to adjourn at 8:31 pm was made P. Wentworth and seconded by R. Davis and passed 4-0-0.

NEXT MEETING  
Nov 13th, 2019

Respectfully Submitted,  
C. Kowalski and E. Cabral