

**Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**July 8, 2020**

**PRESENT;** R. Davis, P. Wentworth, E. Cabral, C. Kowalski and C. Cipriano

**Guests:** Selectman Guthrie

Meeting started at 7:00 on this evening and will be at 7:00 pm going forward.

**MINUTES**

*R. Davis made the motion to approve the minutes of June 10, 2020. The motion was seconded by P. Wentworth. The motion passed 5-0-0.*

**OLD BUSINESS**

***Swap Shop-*** The sign for the Swap Shop is up on the building. E. Cabral stated that she was at the June bulk collection day for about 3-4 hours and collected some items. There were shelves that came in that she was able to get for the trailer. She tried scanning cars for items that could be set aside. A flyer will be put together to hand out at the July bulk collection. The Swap Shop will officially open on Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>. The committee agreed to open the Saturday after the transfer station was open. They discussed that for dropping off items, the person would need a sticker for the transfer station. This prevented non-residents from dropping off items and then the Town of Hampstead having to pay to dispose of it later. There would be no transfer station permit required to go to the Swap Shop when it is open. The agreement was to open the week after the transfer station was open, this would follow Covid-19 safety precautions by allowing the items to sit for a few days. It was also agreed to be open from 10 am to 12 noon. This would be the hours for the year. The committee went over the items that are allowed and disallowed, which is noted on the sign on the trailer. C. Kowalski suggested keeping a log of what comes in and maybe pictures of the items. This would give them an idea of what items are of interest. If there is interest, they may look at changing up the hours. E. Cabral and R. Davis will work the first one on July 18<sup>th</sup> and be there from 9 am to noon. T. Harrington will reach out to Isaiah 58 to see what they may need before we dispose of any items left behind.

***Household Hazardous Waste***

E. Cabral attended the Selectmen's meeting on June 22<sup>nd</sup> and presented the recommendation from the committee on awarding the HHW Collection day to Tradebe Environmental. She noted that they accepted the recommendation. The contract is now going through the process. The other towns have been updated and both Tradebe and Veolia were contacted.

The scheduled collection date is Saturday, October 24, 2020. T. Harrington noted that we may need to provide a separate port a potty for the company to use. E. Cabral also went over the proposed layout of having the residents come in the exit road and have a town truck there to collect the items such as the waste oil, lights and regular batteries.

**Member Updates:**

R. Davis gave an update to a Webinar through the NRRA that she attended. It gave an update on the impact that Covid-19 has had on the recycling market. With the majority of businesses haven been closed for a period of time, the paper market and cardboard have taken a hit whereas most of the recyclables come from businesses.

C. Kowalski noted that effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, the State of Vermont has moved to mandatory composting. P. Wentworth asked if there could be signs placed on the cardboard container at the Kent Farm Transfer Station stating the cardboard must be broken down. He also noted that he is seeing the trash

truck going into Cranberry Meadows every Tuesday for a short period of time and that the normal collection day for that area is on Monday. T. Harrington will bring it up to T. Belanger.

C. Kowalski also noted that he is seeing more trash carts tipped over. He watched the driver a few times and he is going so fast that he is actually moving forward to the next stop before the cart is all the way on the ground. T. Harrington will bring this concern to T. Belanger as well.

C. Kowalski also noted that he sees more trash covers open as that people are putting too much in the carts. T. Harrington stated that they are allowed up to 6 inches. There may also be times that the drivers know the home only puts out trash every other week for example.

T. Harrington noted that the cost for mattresses is still an issue and will bring it up with T. Belanger.

E. Cabral announced that there were webinars that people could attend in lieu of the annual NRRA conference. T. Harrington sent out the list of upcoming webinars.

E. Cabral asked if they could cancel the meeting scheduled for August and everyone was okay with that change. The meetings will now be held at 7:00 pm.

Motion to adjourn at 8:09 pm was made C. Kowalski and seconded by P. Wentworth and passed 5-0.

#### NEXT MEETING

Sept. 9, 2020 (at 7:00 pm) (August meeting cancelled)

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Harrington