Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee Meeting Minutes September 9, 2020

PRESENT; R. Davis, R. Nugent, E. Cabral, and C. Cipriano

Guests: None

Meeting started at 7:00 pm.

MINUTES

C. Cipriano made the motion to approve the minutes of July 8, 2020. The motion was seconded by E. Cabral. The motion passed 3-0-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Swap Shop

This Saturday is a bulk disposal day so there should be some items collected for the swap shop. T. Harrington will be there in the morning (along with flyers for HHW day). E. Cabral will be there in the afternoon. It was noted that in July there were only a couple of people that showed up, but there were more in August. There were flyers given out at the transfer station in July and August. The workers at the transfer station were good about getting some items sent over to the swap shop. The committee will look at October being the final collection day so that in November, whatever is left is able to go into the roll offs for the year end. R. Davis suggested that the swap shop be open on the same day as the bulk disposal day in November. The final date will be discussed at the October meeting.

Household Hazardous Waste

The draft flyer was reviewed. Tradebe had been given a copy and their recommendation was to look at the one done by the Lakes Region Planning Commission. T Harrington added a couple of items that were on that flyer and added a second side to discuss the process during the "Covid-19"

Member Updates:

The committee reviewed the year to date tonnage for curbside pickup and for the transfer station. The curbside trash has been going up and there was concern if there would be enough in the budget to cover the increases. It looks like the balance of the budget should cover the estimate of about 880 tons. There was a request to do the same analysis with the bulk disposal to make sure the budget will cover the costs. It will remind people to stay in their cars, not to bring containers that they want to keep, and a note that schools and towns are not supposed to be part of the Household Hazardous Waste Day. The committee discussed this aspect and agreed to put it on the flyer and let the other towns know, but if things come in to accept them. Without having had the spring collection, it is expected to be busier than normal for the fall collection. The flyer had a couple of corrections and once done, will be sent to the other towns, and passed out at the transfer station. The important part was to keep it a positive experience. The other communities will also be asked if they will have anyone available to help out.

R. Davis- She updated the committee on the webinar attended through the NRRA which was about glass and ways to use the crushed glass. She noted that the NRRA has a way to crush the glass and make it available for other uses. Some uses were for under driveways and parking lots. The glass is porous and the water runs off which helps in stopping frost heaves. It also could be crushed into sand or melted down to be used again, (but that process was expensive). The road materials are the best use of crushed glass, but there needs to be more awareness of the use. She also gave an update of a transfer station that they went to while in Maine. They had single stream recycling, a big brush pile,

electronics and metal. All were on the ground not in containers. There were roll offs inside for the regular recycling.

R. Nugent asked if there were any changes on collection of glass in Hampstead. E. Cabral responded that currently the glass is accepted curbside.

Motion to adjourn at 7:52 pm was made E. Cabral and seconded by R. Davis and passed 4-0.

Upcoming Events

Household Hazardous Waste Day Collection- October 24th 9 am to noon.

NEXT MEETING

October. 14, 2020 (at 7:00 pm)

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Harrington