

**Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**November 11, 2020**

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

**Guests:** None

Meeting started at 7:00 pm.

**MINUTES**

*P. Wentworth made the motion to approve the minutes October 14, 2020. The motion was seconded by R. Davis. The motion passed 4-0-1.*

**OLD BUSINESS**

***Swap Shop***

There are two days coming up that the Swap Shop will be open. It will be open on the last bulk day, not to collect, but to give an extra day to get some items moving. It will be open again on the third Saturday of November (11/21) which will be the last day. This will be the regular hours 10-12. The committee was hoping to get rid of a lot of things so the trailer isn't as full as it is now. Household items that are in good shape will be taken to Savers or Goodwill rather than tossing it into the trash. There are some items that will be thrown into the roll offs if they don't go on either date. Isiah house does not do pick ups and there is no truck to get items to them.

***Household Hazardous Waste***

E. Cabral noted that the collection days are getting too busy for six towns to be held at once. She noted that there were at least 50 cars that were turned away because of the backlog of cars waiting to dispose at noon time. She suggests that it be discussed with the other towns early in 2021, to see what could be done. There were about 560 cars that went through.

***Shed for Transfer Station***

P. Wentworth gave an update on the shed stating that it was ordered (and authorized by Selectman Guthrie). There is a backlog on the delivery which won't be until March 2021. The funds will be taken from the 2020 budget. It will need a concrete pad to go onto. S. Harms will mark out the area. It will be 10 by 16 with 2 windows. It will be placed to the left of the packer near the electric pole.

***Member Updates:***

P. Wentworth suggested that down the road the committee look at adding a second packer to the site. This could potentially save on trucking costs and help alleviate backup when one packer is full. T. Harrington noted that this may alleviate the issue with Casella taking the roll offs. When the packer is being swapped out, people are putting the stuff into the roll off, which could be in trash bags. This makes Casella treat the entire roll off as trash. This has been an issue with the driver going to Casella. Pinard was going to look at taking the roll offs to a different site to avoid this issue, but recommends that trash bags not be placed into the roll offs. It was also suggested to look at a canopy that would go over the packers and allow the employees and residents to be in the shed and out of any rain/snow while at the packer.

T. Harrington gave an update with an issue at a property on East Main Street. There is an extra set of carts there that were supposed to have been delivered to the same number but on Main St. They were on the missing list that Pinard was working on. The property has been putting out the trash cart occasionally and will need a letter sent asking for the carts to be left at the curb to be picked up by the town. The committee agreed with the process. There was also an issue with the Pinard truck leaving

an oil spill on Shaker Lane. T. Harrington had a call from a resident there and had the Road Agent take a look at it. This was the second time in the last few months that this has happened to that road. J. Worthen reached out to Pinard and asked them to take a look at the area and take care of it.

E. Cabral reported that she launched a compost bin contest on Facebook asking how residents were reducing their trash. She pulled a winner from the respondents and Stephanie Spyvee won the compost bin.

Darlene Cote at 30 Collins Drive is collecting plastic bags for a second bench. There is a container at the end of her driveway for people to drop off.

Motion to adjourn at 8:31 pm was made E. Cabral and seconded by R. Davis and passed 5-0.

#### Upcoming Events

None

NEXT MEETING

December 9, 2020

Respectfully Submitted,

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