

Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2020

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

Guests: None

MINUTES

P. Wentworth made the motion to approve the minutes of November 13, 2019. The motion was seconded by C. Kowalski. The motion passed of 5-0-0.

NEW BUSINESS

2020 Priorities

Due to the fact that the December 23 BOS meeting was canceled, E. Cabral was not able to make a formal request to the BOS to raise the mattress fee to \$40 and raise the annual Kent Farm Transfer Station sticker from \$20 to \$25. E. Cabral will make this request at the January 13 BOS meeting.

Household Hazardous Waste

E. Cabral noted that she emailed Bonnie Bethune at NRRA for advice about making Hampstead's October 2020 HHW more cost efficient. The Committee discussed the importance of being able to take items from residents that can be handled for much cheaper at the town garage, including old oil/gas, propane tanks, fluorescent bulbs, batteries. This would then allow the HHW vendor to handle material that is hazardous. The plan is to draft the RFP at the February RWD meeting.

Private Roads – Pinard Pick-Up Issues

A resident on Tabor Road, which is a private road with approximately 12 houses, requested to T. Harrington to receive an additional trash toter since Pinard is occasionally unable to come down their road due to inclement weather. The resident has been missed approximately 3 weeks as a result of snowy/icy road conditions. T. Harrington recommended the resident call Pinard. The resident did and Pinard suggested the resident bring to the top of the road. The resident was not happy with this suggestion and asked T. Harrington if the town could issue the resident an additional barrel to handle additional trash when Pinard can't make it down the street.

The Committee discussed this and were all in agreement that no additional toters will be issued to a household. If the resident would like to rent an additional toter from Pinard, he/she can work directly with Pinard, which is the process in place for all residents.

OLD BUSINESS

Swap Shop

Brantley Construction is scheduled to deliver the 40x8 feet container to the Kent Farm Transfer Station the week of January 13. The estimate to complete the container transformation to a space for the Kent Farm employees to use still stands at approximately \$3000.

E. Cabral repeated the plan to have the Swap Shop open on 2nd Saturdays to accept good condition items, and then open it the 3rd Saturday for residents to pick up items. All agreed that there are no limitations with taking items – first come, first serve rules apply.

E. Cabral stated that a sign will need to be made that clearly outlines what is acceptable in the Swap Shop, and what is not acceptable.

The Committee brainstormed and came up with this list:

Accepted: Good condition: household items, toys, bikes, stuffed animals, indoor/outdoor furniture

Not Accepted: Small engines, electronics, mattresses, appliances

E. Cabral will work on a draft of the sign and bring to the February meeting. In addition, E. Cabral will get the sign credit information from NRRA so we can determine budget for printing signs.

The Committee decided it should “wait and see” how the first couple of months go before arranging a charity to pick up unwanted good condition items. Isaiah 58 was discussed as a possible charity to do this and reach out when we know more about how many items are available, etc.

Mattresses

T. Harrington left a note for the Committee that stated Tony at Pinard hasn't been able to coordinate the alternate mattress disposal option for the town. As a result, E. Cabral will attend the BOS meeting on Monday, January 13 to state the Committee is making a formal recommendation to raise the mattress disposal fee to \$40.

E. Cabral noted that since the curbside bulk item pick-up fee is \$26, that T. Harrington will need to confirm with Pinard if these curbside mattresses will be charged the \$40 at the disposal site. If yes, the fee for mattresses will need to be raised to \$40 as well

Additional Bags for trash

T. Harrington included written notes that there were only 3 calls about needing capacity for extra trash. E. Cabral noted that there was a post about this topic on the Hampstead NH Community Facebook page. There were a few residents that were asking for ideas on how to get rid of their extra trash. E. Cabral noted that the majority of the replies were saying that residents were asking neighbors for extra “toter space” and some were just holding the trash that wouldn't fit in their toter and putting it in the toter the following week.

The Committee agreed that we do not need to focus on the “additional bag” program given the extremely low number of complaints.

Motion to adjourn at 8:40 pm was made P. Wentworth and seconded by C. Kowalski and passed 5-0-0.

NEXT MEETING

February 12, 2020

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen Cabral