

Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee
Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2022

PRESENT; E. Cabral, P. Wentworth, C. Kowalski, and C. Cipriano
Meeting started at 7:00 pm.

MINUTES

The committee reviewed the statistics for May through July.

Minutes from May 11, 2022 were read and approved with a motion by P. Wentworth and a second by C. Kowalski. The motion passed 4-0.

There were no meetings held in June or July

Old Business

Extra Bag Program- The question was asked as to how many extra trash bags have been sold. T. Harrington reported that she had the statistics through June and there were 11 bags sold. It was suggested that the information be publicized again on the Facebook page to make people aware of the newest option.

Clean Up Hampstead Day- E. Cabral reported that she reached out to the general mailbox for the Civic Club, but had not heard from anyone. She would like to see if the committee could be at the 2023 Fishing Derby to hand out blue bags for cleaning up around town. T. Harrington stated that she would reach out to someone at the Civic Club.

Composting – R. Davis was not present to give an update

Signs for transfer station – There are 2 A frame boards that came in last week. E. Cabral will design a sign in Canva and asked for approval to spend funds to get the two signs printed for the boards. They are 2 sided 24” by 36” sandwich boards with a coroplast insert. Looking at the flyer each A frame equaled 30 points. We will need to look at what points are left for the other sign that was ordered that states “No bagged Trash” for the compactor.

C. Kowalski motioned to authorize E. Cabral to spend up to \$200 to get inserts/signs to go on the A frame boards for the Swap Shop. P. Wentworth seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0

Painting trailer- Haven’t been able to find anyone to do the painting yet.

Transfer Station Rules- It was suggested that the committee should still draw up written rules about the use of the transfer station and how to get permits. There have been some questions about residency in other aspects of programs in town and this would be a good time to make those policies.

NRRA Conference Update- C. Kowalski gave a brief update of the conference. He stated that he reached out to two companies to get an idea of a cost for a new packer. One was for a used packer at about \$8,500. The 3-yard packer is easier to get than a 4-yard packer. There isn’t much difference in the size so the price was at \$8,500. He also talked with East Coast Container and a new packer would be around \$18,000. There would also be roughly \$10,000 for site work. The committee decided that they would prefer to go forward with a new packer rather than a used. The intent was to use ARPA funds and Selectman Morse was aware of this.

C. Kowalski also reported that it looks like the State of NH is moving towards taking more interest in solid waste and looking at rules and regulations. It has been stated that the State of NH is running out of landfill space and there is a need to start looking at alternatives. The State of Vermont moved towards eliminating all organics from their landfills. He went over some of the issues regarding

recycling of mattresses (bed bugs). There was also a comment that it takes 8 seconds for the truck driver to pick up a toter, empty it and put it back down.

Swap Shop- There is a new part time employee at the Highway/Buildings & Grounds Department. He worked at the June and July Kent Farm transfer station days and the July Swap Shop. He worked with E. Cabral for a few hours in July at the transfer station and at the Swap Shop so he gets an idea of what the function is etc. He is interested in working the rest of the dates for the transfer station and the Swap Shop. T. Harrington will do the August date with him. C. Kowalski asked how the Swap Shop has been and if the savings are there. E. Cabral responded that it has been growing each month. There are about 30-40 cars coming in and could see 50+ items being picked up. On the transfer station days, some items are taken before they ever get into the trailer so it is hard to see how much comes in. T. Harrington noted that she heard the new solar lights were good. E. Cabral explained that her husband drilled a small hole and filled it in to make it weather tight, but allowed him to put in solar lights into the back of the container.

Issue with overflowing trash carts- It was asked if this issue had been addressed. T. Harrington reported that she previously spoke with T. Belanger and he was going to do an audit similar to when they started the process in Hampstead. To date it is not known if that happened. It is hoped that he could do it and sticker the toter with a note as to what was done wrong.

New Business

Pinard Waste Contract- The committee ask that T. Harrington reach out to Pinard to see what an extension would be.

Motion to adjourn at 8:08 pm was made by P. Wentworth and seconded by C. Cipriano
The motion passed 4-0.

Upcoming Events

Kent Farm Transfer Station- August 13th
Swap Shop- August 20th
Curbside Bulk pick up – August 20th

NEXT MEETING
September 14, 2022

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Harrington, Secretary