

**Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**September 14, 2022**

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

Also present: Selectman Morse

Meeting started at 7:00 pm.

**MINUTES**

The committee reviewed the minutes of August, 2022.

*Minutes from August 10, 2022 were read and approved with a motion by C. Cipriano and a second by C. Kowalski. The motion passed 4-0-1 (RD abstained).*

***Old Business***

*Extra Bag Program-* There was discussion as to whether or not put the program out on social media. As of the day of the meeting, there have been 20 extra trash bags sold. There have been no reported issues from Pinard regarding the program. The bag program was on a trial basis and it was agreed to relook at the program after the Christmas holidays.

*Clean Up Hampstead Day-* T. Harrington reached out to the Civic Club and they responded that it would be brought to one of their meetings. This is to allow the RWD Committee to have a table at the Fishing Derby in 2023 to hand out the blue bags.

*Composting –* R. Davis reported that in reaching out to Mr. Fox composting services, you would go on line to make a request with a \$75 fee and a fixed date. That was the only way for her to reach them. There was a question as to whether or not they do pick up in NH. S. Morse stated that in Portsmouth they do pick up from the businesses. It seems their location is in York Maine so proximity to that location is a factor. The committee is just looking for a program, not a sales pitch, so that would need to be asked of them.

*Signs for transfer station –* The new A frame signs are in and it was discovered that the NRRA will reimburse up to \$100 for the wording on the frames. E. Cabral was working on it.

*Painting trailer-* R. Davis reported that there is a company currently painting the outside of the Historic Museum and that she would reach out to the painter and see if there is any interest in doing the Swap Shop container. It would need to be sandblasted and it isn't sure if he is able to that. For informational purposes, the trailer is said to be 40 feet long by 8 feet wide.

*Transfer Station Rules-* The Selectmen have begun the discussion about residency and what is required. This would also impact the transfer station permits. A drivers license is the first requirement, and if not a Hampstead resident, then something that shows Hampstead address (tax bill, utility bill etc.). If someone is using a company vehicle, then all that would be needed is their Hampstead driver's license. There was discussion about the policy of a one-day use permit, but no changes were suggested. P. Wentworth noted that the sticker should be in the window. It was also noted that there should be enforcement of the stickers (verifying that they are in vehicle). However, the Selectmen decide what residency is, will cover the concerns of the committee so they don't need to do anything else.

*Issue with overflowing trash carts-* T. Harrington reported that she doesn't believe the "audit" took place and is waiting for Mr. Belanger to return from vacation for an update.

### ***New Business***

*Pinard Waste Contract*- The current contract has a price for Year 2024 and Year 2025, but T. Harrington reported that she wouldn't expect that to be the price especially where the original contract was proposed in 2018. Mr. Belanger is on vacation so she will follow up with him upon his return.

*DPW Update* -There was a question as to what is going on at the Town Garage. S. Morse gave them an update and reported that there is a consultant in, and that he is also the acting Road Agent. It was noted that as part of the study, it may be a good idea for the committee to meet with him so that he has a complete picture when the final recommendations come in. In a lot of communities, trash and recycling fall under the Dept. of Public Works.

*Fall Household Hazardous Waste*- The event will be held in Kingston on Main Street (Highway Department) on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to noon.

*2023 Budget*- C. Kowalski is starting the 2023 budget and asked what work needs to be done on the site. One item was for clearer signage which could cost up to \$1,000. T. Harrington reported that there is a large condo development before the planning board. The budget should include the possibility purchase 100 trash and 100 recycling and they cost about \$65 per cart. With the growth there has been, C. Kowalski will move to using a 6% escalator in the budget instead of the standard 4%.

*ARPA Funds*-There was a question about the ARPA funds and a potential new packer. S. Morse explained that the Selectmen have asked for updated information as to what was allocated in round 1 and what has been spent, what is not expected to be spent, and if items were received via grants instead of the ARPA funds. This along with round 2 will give them an idea as to how much money is still available. It would be a capital investment and could potentially save about \$300 savings per day the facility would be open. There is also the unknown on the supply chain on these packers.

*Northeast Recycling Council (NERC)*- R. Davis asked if we were members, which we are not paying members, but do get their emails.

*Table of 2023 Events*- It was suggested to think of groups that we could work with.

Motion to adjourn at 8:20 pm was made by P. Wentworth and seconded by D. Davis  
*The motion passed 5-0.*

### **Upcoming Events**

Kent Farm Transfer Station- October 8th

Swap Shop- October 15th

Curbside Bulk pick up – October 15<sup>th</sup>

Household Hazardous Waste- October 29<sup>th</sup> (Kingston)

NEXT MEETING

October 12th, 2022

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Harrington, Secretary