

Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2022

PRESENT; E. Cabral, R. Davis, P. Wentworth, C. Kowalski and Selectman Morse
Meeting started at 7:00 pm.

MINUTES

Minutes from April 13, 2022 were read and approved with a motion by C. Kowalski and a second by P. Wentworth

The motion passed 3-0. (R. Davis not present at time of vote)

Old Business

Extra Bag Program- There needs to be ways to get the information out. T. Harrington will update the Communications Committee. It is currently on the website.

2022 Flyer- Will go forward and use the one from Pinard.

Clean Up Hampstead Day- E. Cabral reported that 4 people came to get bags on May 7th. She also reported that she brought them to the t-ball game that was going on at the field behind the Town offices. She stated that it needs to be done in conjunction with another activity. The conversation led to see if the Clean Up Hampstead day could be located at the Fishing Derby and closer to Earth Day. This would hopefully get more people interested. E. Cabral will reach out to the Civic Club.

Composting – R. Davis did find a company that does compost classes. She will reach out to get the cost and it maybe something that could be done in conjunction with the Garden Club (although they plan their programs a year ahead) and hold it at the library. S. Morse as if there was a way to work the composting with the community garden at St. Anne's. Maybe use the composting and then use (or sell) the compost for gardens. The problem would be where to have the compost pile that wouldn't be bothersome to others. S. Morse also reported that the City of Portsmouth uses Mr. Fox for composting, which is the same company that R. Davis was referring to for classes. T. Harrington reported that she was at an electric car event in Durham and spoke with representative of their committee and they were looking at composting options. They may be a contact to talk with.

Compost Bins – The new compost bins are in and there are two left from the original lot. They will all be sold at the same price.

Signs for transfer station – T. Harrington reached out about the points and there is currently 60 points. They do custom ones and would need to see what was needed on the sign. The sign that was discussed was a "No Bagged Trash Allowed". It was explained that the big issue with bags is having them put into the rollofs, which will then not be accepted at Casella due to the "contamination of trash". The committees concern with bags is what is actually in the bags going into the packer. They would prefer no bags allowed.

Shed Update- The shed has been completed. P. Wentworth was able to C. Howard out to finish the interior work.

Painting trailer- The person that E. Cabral was able to reach and that was supposed to meet her on May 14th was a no show. T. Harrington will reach out to the company that did the work at the museum because she thinks they may be able to do sandblasting.

Transfer Station Rules- it was brought up at the last meeting that there was a question as to the written policy on residents requiring Hampstead registered vehicles only. The committee will look and see what other communities do regarding sticker requirements.

New Business

Pinard Waste Contract- The contract is up at the end of 2023. The company reached out to see if the town would consider extending the contract for one two-year contract or two one-year contracts at the same escalator as the current contract. T. Harrington discussed with T. Belanger that Hampstead has added quite a few more homes since the contract was put in place. T. Belanger explained their philosophy on an annual expectation of homes and that Hampstead was below that level.

E. Cabral asked if anyone knew how HHW collection day in Plaistow went. T. Harrington reported that J. Worthen was there and he said it went very well. The traffic moved well behind the business near the town garage and when they got to the top, there were 4 lines being emptied.

It was noted that there are still trash carts that are being left curbside with the tops open and bags sitting on top. This is a clear violation of the policy and the carts should be tagged. It was suggested to see if Pinard could do a little audit like they did when they first came into town. They went ahead of the trucks and pointed out the issues so that the resident could get it corrected.

Motion to adjourn at 8:20 pm was made by P. Wentworth and seconded by R. Davis.
The motion passed 4-0.

Upcoming Events

Swap Shop- May 21st and then again June 18th

Curbside Bulk pick up May 21st

Kent Farm Transfer Station- June 11th

NEXT MEETING

June 8, 2022

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Harrington, Secretary