

**Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**April 12, 2023**

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

**MINUTES**

The committee reviewed the minutes of March 8, 2023.

*Minutes from March 8, 2023 were read and approved with a motion by C. Kowalski and a second by P. Wentworth. The motion passed 5-0*

**Old Business**

*2023 Events* – The compost class was recently held and including the members that were they the total present were about 18. E. Cabral stated that she felt it had been successful and there were a lot of good questions. The Ortins gave a lot of good and thorough information. Listening to their presentation, she learned some good ideas for future presentations. She also asked the other members if they had any feed back on what could be done differently. R. Davis suggested less food next time. C. Kowalski stated that he felt there was nothing given at the end to start your own process. He felt that there should be a list of action items at the end of the program.

*Blue Bags*- There will be a table at the fishing derby where the blue bags will be available to anyone that wants to use them to pick up around town.

**New Business**

**Geary Farms- Nick and Christy Geary**

Nick and Christy brought forth a proposal to start a curbside pick up of compost. At the compost presentation there was discussion about the committee having looked around for a company that would do such a program. They own a farm in Chester and would be interested in starting a program in Hampstead and possibly Sandown and Chester. C. Geary stated that they would provide a 5-gallon bucket to a resident and pick it up monthly for \$10 or twice a month for \$20. The bucket would require a \$5 deposit and would be swapped out on the scheduled pick-up day. They were asked about the pick-up day and their thought was to do it on a specific day, once a month or twice a month. If it was a larger family, they could get two buckets and they would give one free bucket of compost in April for the resident to use for their garden. E. Cabral suggested that part of the program could be a text reminder for the residents. C. Geary thought she could put together a group email text that could go out as a reminder for the pick-up. She would also put together a flyer for handouts. T. Harrington was asked to follow up with legal counsel to see if the town could advertise a profit business on things such as the website. The flyers could be given out at the garden club sale and the fishing derby.

**Proposals for Painting the Swap Shop-**

There were three proposals received for the painting of the swap shop.

Odds and Ends Painting for \$1130

Flying Colors Painting       \$1500

James Chase for               \$2000

Odds and Ends is the low bidder and three people at the meeting tonight could vouch for their work. It was agreed to check with them to see if they will be doing prep work (it wasn't written on the proposal), and to ask for a certificate of insurance. There was then discussion about the color. It was agreed that the direction would be the color red, and then it was decided to be barn red.

*E. Cabral made the motion to award the job to Odds and Ends Painting to paint the swap shop container, subject to an insurance certificate and prep work and painting it barn red. The motion was*

*seconded by R. Davis with the addition that the funds come from the Recycling and Waste Disposal Revolving Fund. The motion passed 5-0*

### **2023 Request for Proposals**

There are some changes that need to be made such as the number of households and the streets.

On page 3, the paragraph needs to be updated to just being an automated pickup. Lines 5 – 11 can be deleted.

The dates are set as the RFP going out around 4/26, question/answer session 5/9, RFP due back 6/12 for the BOS (Board of Selectmen) to open, RAWD to review 6/12, recommendation to the BOS by 7/10 and a signed contract by 7/31.

There was a suggestion to ask for a combined pick up rate as we currently have, and a MSW rate with a separate recycling rate per ton. C. Kowalski stated that there was a recycling per ton rate of \$189 that he heard today on the NRRA MOM's meeting.

The definition of "Contractor" needs to be added (take the wording from the actual contract).

The trash cart needs to be changed out to a toter (64 Gallon).

#10 check the dates on when the dumpsters are emptied, April-November or just leave as is. T.

Harrington will ask the Recreation Commission what they want to do.

Page 8 eliminate #1

Add the possibility of recycling going bi-weekly.

B-5, eliminate the last line where it talks about negotiating on glass disposal,

B-8 eliminate the area from "the contractor etc and move the balance of #8 to #7.

R. Davis and P. Wentworth both reported that they heard tonight that the NH Liquor Store is doing a recycling program with bottles that can be brought to the store. This could be added to the "where do I go? On the website.

Upcoming events:

4/14- Senior Tea at the library (E. Cabral is given presentation on ways to reduce trash). She also noted that T. Lovell of the Conservation Commission will be there, and S. Spyvee of the Water Resource Committee.

4/15- The transfer station will be open for brush and the swap shop.

4/22- Fishing Derby

5/22-5/23- The Annual NRRA (Northeast Resource Recovery Association) will be held. C. Kowalski is interested in going on Monday. There is a discount for signing up by 4/21. T. Harrington will sign him up. There was no one available to go the other days.

C. Kowalski stated that on the MOM call in today they talked about a compliance questionnaire going out to all the towns.

It was stated that there needs to be clearer markings at the transfer station and should use the NRRA points. C. Kowalski is still working on the audit of the site and will reach out once he updates the map that he was given.

Motion to adjourn at 8:30 pm was made by P. Wentworth and seconded by C. Cipriano

*The motion passed 5-0.*

### **Upcoming Events**

Curbside Bulk pick up – April 15, 2023

T. Harrington will update the RFP and forward to the members to review

### **NEXT MEETING**

May 9, 2023

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Harrington, Secretary