

Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee
Meeting Minutes
Sept. 13, 2023

PRESENT; R. Davis, P. Wentworth, and C. Kowalski

The meeting started at 7:00 pm.

MINUTES

The committee reviewed the minutes of June 28, 2023 (*once R. Davis arrived*)

Minutes from June 28, 2023 were read and approved with a motion by R. Davis and a second by P. Wentworth. The motion passed 3-0-0

Old Business

C. Kowalski stated that he had an email from Chairperson E. Cabral, that she couldn't make the next regular scheduled meeting. She asked him to see if the other members could meet on the week. After some discussion it was agreed to move the meeting to Tuesday, October 3rd at 7:00 pm. T. Harrington will reach out to Pinard to see if T. Belanger will be available that night.

Painting of Trailer: R. Davis stated that she will reach out to the painter in the next few days to see when he thinks he can get the work done on the swap shop trailer. There are still a few good months left to paint, and if not, then next year. The funds are in the 2023 budget so the committee will need to know whether to budget for it or not.

New Packer: There was discussion around the approved new packer. P. Wentworth mentioned that 3 roll offs could fit into one packer, which would then save money on the hauling fees. Currently we have a 3-yard packer, and it was suggested that the new one should be a 4-yard packer. They hold about the same, but the 4 yard one is a little wider. P. Wentworth stated that if a used packer is what gets purchased, then a 3 yard one would work. The hopper on the packer can't be any larger than the opening on the truck. There is also sitework that needs to be done. P. Wentworth was going to talk with the DPW and see what work could be done in-house. There will need to be sitework for the concrete pad, cutting of the pavement/restoring the pavement, and then a line for the electricity. P. Wentworth will take J. Lavacchia up to site and show him what the thought was and get his input. The committee agreed that they would like to get any site work started in 2023, if possible.

It was suggested to ask T. Belanger when he is here how many tons could a packer hold. It was also questioned if the packer was full when emptied. There is one roll off that stays on site for town trash/bulk to be disposed of.

P. Wentworth also noted that the floor in the tire container has rotted away. There was a question about whether or not to reach out for prices for a new one.

New Business

Sale of Pinard to Casella: T. Harrington gave the committee the information she had on the sale of Pinard. She was told by T. Belanger that we should see no changes. The drivers, trucks etc. will remain the same. Casella will be running Pinard as a division of Casella. As equipment is replaced, then the Casella name will come forward. The committee agreed to meet with both Pinard and Casella at their next meeting. The two would like to come in and give the committee an update of the change and how it affects Hampstead. There was a question about the 2024-2028 contract that was just signed with Pinard and what impact that will have.

Monthly MOM Meeting Update: C. Kowalski gave an update from the recent MOM meeting with the NRRA (Northeast Resource Recovery). He noted that the NRRA has 4 tool kits that are available for members. They are for Batteries, scales, composting and recycling education. The kits are to help communities with ways to divert waste.

They also gave updates as to the market rates for fiber, plastics, good paper aluminum and cardboard. etc. We don't deal with the market rates, but it tells us how the market rate is doing and which recycling has value currently.

The question about what to do with solar panels was brought up and the response through the meeting was to send them back to the electric company or vendor.

There are new operator classes which can be by hybrid or in person.

The Fall Bus tour of facilities is coming up and it is scheduled to tour a few facilities in NH. The expected date is 10/18 from 8 am to 4 pm. The bus will hold 55 people and that is all that will be allowed.

The NRRA is trying to work on some model programs such as on construction debris to get people to come pick out the product and reuse it for some purpose, such as pieces of wood, or to give wood to the companies that chip wood or sell it to them for additional revenue.

He noted that they were using a buzzword of densification, which is a way to break things down more to transport them easier. Transporting it as bulk waste would be cheaper to transport.

Budget information- C. Kowalski asked that the office find out the balance of the toter lease. 2023 should have been the final year but needed confirmation. C. Kowalski also asked if there was enough inventory, including covers for replacements. C. Kowalski has the contract to be able to use the new numbers.

Member Updates

P. Wentworth noted that the staff does not look in the trash bags before they are put into the packer.

C. Kowalski reported that recently at a meeting, it was mentioned that "what you don't know you don't need to deal with". If you see something that is considered hazardous for example, then you need to deal with it right then. The committee all agree that there is a rule in place, and it needs to be reinforced.

There was a question about where the trash and recycling go that is picked up curbside. The recycling is going to Casella in Allenstown and the trash is going to Waste Management North Andover. R.

Davis wondered why, if a facility is different during the month, what caused the change and/or why.

Upcoming Events

Transfer Station will be open October 14th

Curbside Bulk pick up – October 21st

Swap Shop is open 10 am to noon- Saturday, October 21st.

NEXT MEETING

October 3, 2023 (special meeting night for October)

Motion to adjourn at 8:34 pm was made by C. Kowalski and seconded by P. Wentworth

The motion passed 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Harrington, Secretary