

**Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2019**

PRESENT; E. Cabral, (Chairman), R. Davis, C. Kowalski, P. Wentworth, and C. Cipriano

Guests: P. Williams, Tri-Town News

MINUTES

C. Kowalski made a motion to approve the minutes of January 16th, 2019 as amended. The motion was seconded by P. Wentworth. The motion passed of 5-0. (change 25 to 250, add R. Davis to class on page 2 and page 2 line 2 change his to he.)

NEW BUSINESS

The committee reviewed the tonnage statistics for January 2019. There is currently data on the trash tons and no recycling ones. T. Harrington will ask for the recycling tons. C. Kowalski stated that he was surprised that the tonnage was up compared to 2018. T. Harrington reminded the committee that there were about 500 households that had issues with trash pick up the last two weeks in December so they may show in the January stats.

Textiles- E. Cabral noted that she has been contacted by two companies that are interested in textile recycling. One is the Epilepsy Foundation and the other one is St. Pauly textile. The committee discussed the benefits of recycling textiles and whether or not there was a location to put a container for collection. The Library has a collection of clothes for Savers and it was suggested that someone see if Savers picks up the items or if they are brought to the local Savers store.

Central School- Sustainability Group- E. Cabral was asked to participate in a group at the Central School to discuss ways to reduce waste in the school system. She was asked by Principal Collins if the RAWD Committee would sponsor the “Garbage Guerilla” event this year. E. Cabral spoke with the NRRA and there would be able to do a class on April 17th.

E. Cabral motioned to spend up to \$500 from the Recycling Fund to pay for the Garbage Guerilla class on April 17th for the third grade classes at the Central School. C. Kowalski seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

“Reality of Recycling” to be held at the Library- E. Cabral reminded the members of the class coming up at the Library on Saturday, February 16th at 11 am. Tony Belanger from Pinard will be there to discuss the recycling industry and the effects on small towns. She noted that it would be taped to be broadcast on Cable sites.

The committee asked T. Harrington to find out how many extra trash and recycling carts were purchased in town. C. Kowalski stated that he thought things went well with the recent snow fall and the new carts and asked if there were any issues. T. Harrington reported that they hadn’t received any issues. She also noted that the account has now been moved to the operations department and every day there is an email asking if there are any issues in town that day they need to address.

Governors’ Island- T. Harrington read an email from the Governors’ Island Association that was copied to T. Belanger. They are still working on the collection process that will work for those on the island. Currently there are looking at the larger carts and having them at the entrance with a possible fence or shield. E. Cabral asked if Pinard Waste had the 95 gallon carts, because the Town of Hampstead does not have any, and if they need to be purchased, the Association should be responsible for the cost.

OLD BUSINESS

Member Updates E. Cabral heard from a resident that wanted the committee to look into accepting trash at the transfer station for those that are over the limit. The resident wanted the committee to find alternatives for the times that a resident has extra trash. Two of the members suggested that the resident purchase a second barrel. They did discuss that there are residents that probably exceed the limits a couple of times a year. Overall the committee decided to do nothing until July and look at the issue again

after the new system has been in place for a while. They want to make sure the residents are comfortable with the new process before they introduce any potential changes. For now the suggestion is to hold the extra trash until the next week or work out something with your neighbors.

E. Cabral also reported that she recently attended a Selectmen's meeting to give them an overview of the process and a current update on where things are with the new collection system.

C. Kowalski mentioned that there is a movement to ban plastic bags and wondered if it was worth looking into. E. Cabral will look into it with NRRA. T. Harrington noted that there is a bill before the NH House (HB102) that would allow communities to ban items such as plastic bags.

Compost Bins- T. Harrington reported that the flyer has come out for ordering compost bins. The committee discussed working on composting and organic materials. They agreed to purchase bins which must be ordered in quantities of 20.

E. Cabral motioned to order 20 compost bins at \$58 each and 15 kitchen pails at \$10 each for an estimated cost of \$1,350.00 from the Recycling fund. They also noted that any funds received from the sales of the compost bins and pails be put back into the Recycling fund. The motion was seconded by P. Wentworth. The motion passed 5-0.

Motion to adjourn at 8:43 pm was made P. Wentworth and seconded by C. Kowalski and passed 5-0.

NEXT MEETING

March 13, 2019

Respectfully Submitted, Tina Harrington, Secretary