

Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2019

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

Guests: P. Williams, Tri-Town News

MINUTES

P. Wentworth made a motion to approve the minutes of February 13th, 2019. The motion was seconded by R. Davis. The motion passed of 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Plastic Bag Ban- E. Cabral reached out to the NRRA to get some information on what Towns in NH have instituted any type of plastic bag bans. She was told that there is currently no town in NH that does that. It was noted that there are some pieces of legislation at the State House this year dealing with plastics.

Textiles- While talking with the NRRA, E. Cabral was informed of a group that does fundraising in collecting the textiles. She is going to talk with the Central School Principal, Mr. Collins to see if it is something they would be interested in pursuing. She didn't have the name but they come recommended by the NRRA and are a local company. There had previously discussed working through Savers and checking with the Library to see what is done with the clothes left. It was decided to not reach out to the library at this time. There is more that needs to be looked along with a way to education the public on the way clothing (wearable and non wearable) be donated (ie. Unmatched socks).

OLD BUSINESS

Garbage Guerilla- The class will be held on April 17th at 9 am for the 4 third grade classes.

Compost Bins- T. Harrington reported that the compost bins and the compost pails have been ordered and should be due in in April.

"Reality of Recycling" update- E. Cabral reported that about 40 people attended the class at the library. It was very helpful especially by having samples to show people. E. Cabral believes that she can mimic the idea and have it available to teach at another time.

Governors' Island- There are no updates on how the residents on Governor's Island will have their trash picked up yet.

Alternatives to curbside collection of trash and recycling- E. Cabral explained that on the Community Page on Facebook, there was a comment made about the town giving up on curbside trash collection as a way to save money to help the additions to the Central School get through. E. Cabral wanted to be able to show if this was feasible or not. First the Transfer Station would need to be open no less than 3 days a week, which would be an increase in staffing, along with needing someone there full time to handle the packaging of the recycling that comes (baling, bundling and storing them for example). There would need to be at least a one more packer added and the site would need to be completely refigured. If someone wanted to continue curbside pick up on their own, the cost runs about \$180 per quarter. Currently the whole thing the way it is currently done in Hampstead cost each household about \$250 per year. The last issue is that we are currently in a five year contract and lease agreement and wouldn't be able to do anything until those terms were up.

Member Updates

R. Davis- There is a push to make manufacturers responsible for their packaging.

C. Kowalski- Asked if there was anything being done for Earth Day 2019. The Committee discussed having a "Clean Up Hampstead" day and set the date as Saturday, May 4th. They would like to see if any other group such as Conservation would be interested in helping out. There would need to be maps available along with the blue bags.

C. Kowalski also noted that he is still working his way through the organics and will be attending a class on May 2nd held by the NRRA. They will also talk about the disposal of batteries.

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

NEXT MEETING

April 10, 2019

Respectfully Submitted, Tina Harrington, Secretary