

Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2019

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

Guests: P. Williams, Tri-Town News

MINUTES

E. Cabral made on correction in the first line where it is "townsin should be towns in"

C. Kowalski made a motion to approve the minutes of March 13th, 2019. The motion was seconded by R. Davis. The motion passed of 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Carts left in the roadway- T. Harrington reported that there have been three calls recently complaining about people leaving carts at the roadway. After some discussion it was agreed that if the carts are left in the roadway (Towns right of way) to ask them to bring it back to their property. If it is on their property, there is no issue and they can leave it there.

OLD BUSINESS

Garbage Guerilla- The class will be held on April 17th at 10 am for the 4 third grade classes. The time changed due to the third graders having another commitment. The first class would be 10 to 12:30 and then 1:15 to 2.

Textiles- E. Cabral found the name of the company that was referred by the NRRA. It is called Ecosmith Recyclers. They send what is collected to third world countries. She stated from what she could see they state that 90% of what is collected and shipped is reused or repurposed. The collection program is a fundraiser and you can make about \$.05 per pound, possibly \$700 to \$1200 annually. E. Cabral was going to talk about having the Central School host it but the sustainability meeting was cancelled. She stated that she will reach out to Principal Collins when she is at the Garbage Guerilla event. She was comfortable with this company whereas the NRRA is recommending them and stands behind them as a reputable company.

Governors' Island- T. Harrington reported that Pinard had been in contact with the residents of Governors Island and they have decided to go with the 10 carts. T. Harrington was going to verify if there were 10 trash carts and 10 recycling carts.

Hampstead Wide Cleanup Day- E. Cabral released a notice that May 4th the RAWD would be sponsoring a town wide cleanup day. The Facebook posting told residents that could pick up bags on Saturday May 4th from 9 am to noon, or they could pick them up at the Town Offices during regular business hours. They would like to know where people are picking up so they can have the highway department pick up the bags. She also noted that people didn't need to wait until that day and could pick up at anytime. R. Davis noted that her employer "Sothebys" has given her permission to do some sponsorship. She would like to be able to do that with the Cleanup day. She will look into what her options are such as a flyer etc. She also suggested a way to pair up with other businesses in town and maybe they could donate gloves etc.

Member Updates

There was a previous question as to how many extra trash carts and recycling carts had been sold by Pinard. T. Harrington had reported that there were 24 recycling ones and 40 trash ones. There was a question as to whether or not our carts were used for the extra recycling, or if it was a different one that was sold by Pinard. T. Harrington will ask T. Belanger at Pinard.

C. Cipriano- She was asked by a resident why a request for a 35 gallon cart had to go to the committee to decide. T. Harrington asked if this was the resident at 19 Granite Circle and the answer was yes. T. Harrington explained that T. Belanger called after the resident called him. She can't move the 60 gallon carts and wanted to return her recycling one. She explained to T. Belanger that her family comes every

two weeks during the winter and brings her cart to the road for pick up. She had called Pinard to ask for a 35 gallon cart so that she could put it out herself during the nice weather, but she wanted to keep the 60 gallon one for the winter. T. Harrington explained that is why it she was told it needed to be brought to the committee to discuss. Everyone agreed it was one or the other and that she shouldn't be allowed to keep the 60 gallon cart if she purchased the 35 gallon one. C. Cipriano will talk with her to find out exactly what she was looking for and what the issue was.

This brought up the question by the others as to how many 35 gallon carts have been sold. T. Harrington will check with Pinard but hasn't seen smaller carts out anywhere in town.

On the 35 gallon carts the question came up again regarding what happens if the cart slips from the mechanism and falls into the truck. T. Harrington stated that the driver should be attempting to get it out of the truck, but she would confirm the process with T. Belanger at Pinard.

E. Cabral- Asked about the collection of plastics for park benches. She asked if there was anyone in town that was working on this. R. Davis reported that the woman from Sandown has completed the three that she was doing and is done collecting. T. Harrington noted that it was a bit of work to collect and prepare the plastics for weighing. C. Kowalski noted that there was a group that met at St. Anne's and they weave the plastic into mats. T. Harrington stated that she heard that there was a woman in Manchester that learned to do this through a girl scout program and does it for homeless people to have.

P. Wentworth presented a recent article from the Eagle Tribune called "Global Pressure crush our Curbside Recycling". It spoke about issues with the single stream recycling process among other issues.

Upcoming events:

Transfer Station Open April 13th 8-4

Garbage Guerilla day April 17th 10-2

Brush Day April 20th 8-4

Household Hazardous Waste April 27th in Plaistow 9-12 (will check if Plaistow needs help)

Clean up Day May 4th 9-12

Motion to adjourn at 8:51 pm was made P. Wentworth and seconded by C. Kowalski and passed 5-0.

NEXT MEETING

May 8th 2019

Respectfully Submitted, Tina Harrington, Secretary