

Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 8, 2019

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

Guests: None

MINUTES

P. Wentworth made a motion to approve the minutes of April 10th, 2019. The motion was seconded by R. Davis. The motion passed of 4-0-1 (RN abstained).

NEW BUSINESS

Statistics on Recycling and Trash- January through April there are three tons more of recycling than the prior year and four tons more trash. R. Nugent asked what the normal ratio would be and C. Kowalski stated it would one to four. T. Harrington pointed out that there are at least 14 homes being collected now that weren't collected this time last year. E. Cabral did a quick calculation and that would account for one additional ton. The Committee agreed it was something to watch. E. Cabral stated that she has had the request again about allowing additional bags to be purchased for the rare occasion that someone goes over the limit. The committee previously agreed to reconsider the additional trash bag in July.

Household Hazardous Waste- E. Cabral reported that she attended the recent collection day in Plaistow and pointed out that she has worked a other community collections as well, and feels that the process is inefficient. Based on the most recent bill from Atkinson the cost per car is almost \$100 per car. She was talking with her brother who lives in Burlington Massachusetts and he said that he gets to the collection day and is in and out in 10-15 minutes, not the hour plus that it currently takes for one of our collections. She reached out to the person in Burlington Mass. that is in charge of the process and they noted that they break down the collection to take items of the stream of the Hazardous Waste where it is more costly, to an area that a separate company will collect and charge for such as lightbulbs. This helps reduce the cost along with putting the job out to bid. E. Cabral was told that the current vendor is high and that there are other companies out there such as Clean Harbors and Stericycle.

It was agreed to reach out to the other communities to see if they would be willing to meet and discuss a possible RFP. T. Harrington was also directed to reach out to Plaistow to see what the total cost averages for them and if they receive any grant funding such as from the Superfund Account.

OLD BUSINESS

Garbage Guerilla- E. Cabral noted that it was a perfect day for the garbage guerilla event. She explained that the format was the same as in previous years in that they do about 20 minutes inside and 20 minutes outside with the third grade classes. She noted that for the most part the kids were into it. She wasn't sure if a Star Assessment had been done because she hadn't heard any feedback yet. She was also asked if there was any feedback from the teachers. E. Cabral responded that there wasn't but that she would reach out to the teachers for feedback and to make sure they understood that the committee sponsors the event.

Textiles- During the garbage guerilla event, E. Cabral was able to speak with Principal Collins on the possibility of having a textile recycling container located at the Central School as a fundraiser. He stated that he had no issues other than he would like it to go through the PTSA so that any money raised could go through the PTSA. E. Cabral has reached out to Ecosmith to try to have them reach out to Principal Collins and that she would bring the information to the next PTSA meeting.

Governors' Island- The only update is that there were 8 carts for trash and recycling (each) delivered to Governors Island for the 10 residences there. It is not known at this time how their process was going to work on the island itself.

Hampstead Wide Cleanup Day- The event was held this past Saturday and there were about 5 or 6 people that checked into the town office to get bags and see where to pick up. The report from the Highway Department was that just for this past weekend they picked up 70 bags. T. Harrington noted that there was at least another 10 picked up prior to the weekend. Overall about 15 streets were picked up. R. Davis asked about some littering signs being placed on West Road. There was some discussion about putting up litter signs and if there is a littering ordinance and what the State of NH littering ordinance actually was. It was agreed to do some research.

Member Updates

C. Kowalski brought up the discussion about plastic bags and that there are communities banning it and that the State of NH may have made it available to towns to set up their own bans on it.

Swap Shop- Currently things are running tight on the 2019 budget with the additional costs for the Rehrig Lease on the carts and the late bill for the Fall HHW collection. P. Wentworth was asked about the swap shop/employee shelter and he stated that the size would be a 20 feet by 30 feet. There would be 10 feet by 20 feet in the front with a partition to separate the employee location and swap shop. There should be heat and AC in the building as well and insulation. You should be able to walk around the building to get to the swap shop with an overhead door and some windows. The estimate at this time is unknown. There was some talk about something similar to what the food pantry just got, which was an old portable from the Central School. E. Cabral will reach out to Principal Collins to see if they intended to get rid of the portable at the Central School. R. Nugent and C. Kowalski will do some research at the NRRA conference at the end of the month.

Upcoming events:

Transfer Station Open May 11th 8-4

Brush Day May 18th 8-4

Curbside Bulk Pick up May 18th

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

NEXT MEETING

June 12th 2019 (tentative)

Respectfully Submitted, Tina Harrington, Secretary