

**Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 19, 2019(rescheduled from June 12th)**

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

Guests: None

MINUTES

R. Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of May 8th, 2019. The motion was seconded by C. Cipriano. The motion passed of 6-0-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Statistics on Recycling and Trash- There is an indication that recycling is going up. C. Cipriano suggested that now people are more aware of what is recyclable and that could account for the increase. T. Harrington reported that there have been complaints about recycling carts tipping over in the Freedom Hill Road area when it is windy. The committee discussed possible options, but determined that it hasn't been an issue recently so will see how it goes.

Textiles- E. Cabral reported that the Central School has agreed to allow the textile collection bin to be located in their parking lot. Principal Collins also agreed to let the PTSA be the recipients of any proceeds. She noted that it is a bright yellow bin near the dumpsters in the parking lot. It was in place by field day so that there were a lot of parents that were able to see it. She noted that they also take stuffed animals, along with clean dry bagged clothes, footwear, sheets etc. She would like to put something out there for in September to let families know that it is there.

Compost Bins/Kitchen Pails – E. Cabral suggested that it get advertised that they are available for \$60 and \$10 respectively.

OLD BUSINESS

Garbage Guerilla- E. Cabral reported that she hadn't reached out to the teachers for their input on the Garbage Guerilla, but will try over the summer. She also hadn't checked on the portable and what the timeline was for the school to stop using it. T. Harrington will ask the school if there is any updates and also check out the one at the Middle School.

Member Updates

R. Nugent and C. Kowalski gave updates on the NRRA Conference they attended in May.

R. Nugent uses Casella in his campground and he passed out flyers of the Zero Sort to his campers and received a very positive response. C. Kowalski stated that Casella is taking waste paper and magazines etc, but there is currently no market for it. Cardboard is still recyclable and they are hoping that the market turns or there is a secondary use found for the paper products. This led to the committee discussing ways to eliminate paper in your household such as direct marketing mail. There is a direct marketing group you can reach out to and ask to be taken off the mass mailing list.

R. Nugent reported that composting was discussed as the way to move forward to help reduce the cost of the tipping fees. He would like to see an educational process with kids and adults side by side learning the benefits of composting. C. Kowalski pointed out that there is no place currently that will collect the products for composting in the area. This needs to be something that gets in place in the state. It was stated that there is a lot of weight in food and that about 350 pounds of food is thrown away a year by a family. This needs to get out of the landfill and used elsewhere. People need to start changing their way of looking at older food. C. Kowalski stated that he knows Hannaford gives some of the outdated food to the food pantry. The committee went on to discuss issues with garbage getting into the ocean. Casella and Waste Management have an organics division which may be worth looking into.

T. Harrington reported that there is a resident that is unable to move her carts to the curb. She asked that the recycling one be picked up and will continue to use the trash one with help from her family. The committee agreed to have the cart removed and put back into inventory and to mark the address as having on the trash. T. Harrington reported that she sent a letter to the previous property owner of 3 Emerson

Avenue about the missing recycling cart. As of the meeting date, she had not received any response from them. She asked the committee members to consider a policy going forward such as charging the new homeowner a one time fee for the cart and let them recoup it from the prior owner. It was also suggested to make the area realtors know that this is part of the property that needs to remain behind on a sale. E. Cabral will put together a letter for the realtors that will be reviewed by R. Davis and T. Harrington. Any potential policy will need the approval of the Board of Selectmen. T. Harrington will see if she can reach out to other communities to see what they may have in place.

C. Kowalski told the committee that we are entering a big political time period and it would be important to start asking the people running where they stand on environmental issues, such as recycling.

Cardboard Recycling- T. Harrington and P. Wentworth reported that the recycling container at the garage is not able to keep up with the amount of cardboard being taken there. It is scheduled for a monthly pick up and is filling up within a week of being emptied. Pinard can place a 10 yard container at the transfer station with a \$45 pick up fee. There is also the option of picking up the one at the garage more often or get a larger container.

C. Kowalski motioned to allow a 10 yard container with a pick up cost of \$5 to be placed at the Kent Farm Transfer Station for cardboard collection. R. Davis seconded the motion. The motion was approved 6-0.

T. Harrington noted that we are now being billed \$40 per mattress collected at the transfer station. When T. Harrington spoke to T. Belanger at Pinard, she was told that the facilities where the mattresses are taken are starting to refuse them or charging large fees. He has no ability to recoup the cost and has passed it on to us. The committee suggested asking if there was a way to split the cost. They also asked to look at the contract and see if it is allowed to come back and charge the fee.

R. Nugent noted that he would like to see the transfer station open more than once a month.

Upcoming events:

Transfer Station Open July 13th 8-4

Curbside Bulk Pick up July 8th and July 20th

Trash will be on a one day delay on Thursday, July 4th.

Motion to adjourn at 9:14 pm was made C. Kowalski and seconded by R. Nugent and passed 6-0-0.

NEXT MEETING

July 10th 2019

Respectfully Submitted, Tina Harrington, Secretary