

SOLID WASTE / RECYCLING COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, 18 February 2013

Present: Jim Tessier, Joel Moulton, Phil Lytle, Donald Weber, Stephen Brandon

Absent: Bud Moynahan

Guest: Sarah Bernier; Account Leader, Municipal Partnership, Waste Zero

1. Minutes of 12/18/2012 Solid Waste / Recycling Committee Read and approved.
2. Review of Waste Zero Benefits Analysis report for town of Eliot.
 - A. Committee members went thru Analysis page by page with Ms. Bernier and discussed how this information could be best presented to the selectmen and citizens in a comprehensive, sensible, factual and transparent manner.
 - B. The committee and Ms. Bernier concluded that much of the draft report is "filler and fluff" and that the report / presentation could be made much clearer by editing it down to the essential elements of cost, waste stream reduction, and efficiency of program operation for the benefit of the town, it's citizens, the transfer station facility, and recycling / solid waste program.
 - C. Ms. Bernier will take the committee's thoughts, concerns and recommendations and prepare a draft report / presentation for the committee to review and edit with the purpose of eventual presentation to the selectmen and town citizens.
 - D. The committee scheduled meeting with Ms. Bernier on Tuesday, 12 March 2013, to review and make any necessary changes with the goal of making presentations on the following dates:
 - Thursday, 28 March 2013, to the Board of Selectmen.
 - Wednesday, 17 April 2013, for warrant article
 - Thursday, 18 April 2013, public information meeting
 - Tuesday, 11 June 2013, town meeting.
 - E. Joel reported on the progress / cost of the community / citizen composting program with the addition of 50 more households and an additional cost of \$2263 for bags, buckets and projected disposal fees.
 - F. Further discussion of the need and intent to develop a recycling program for plastics presently going into general landfill trash with the exception of Styrofoam. This would reduce the volume of trash and incentivize the adoption of the Zero Waste program.

Approved at 3/26/2013 Meeting

Signed: James Tessier