

SOLID WASTE / RECYCLING COMMITTEE
Meeting minutes for September 15, 2015

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Present: Jim Tessier, Donald Webber, Joel Moulton, Connie Carignan, Bud Moynahan, Phil Lytle
Guest –

- 1) Reviewed and approved minutes for meeting held on June 16, 2015
- 2) Transfer station, Pay-to-throw, Kitchen food waste collection program
 - A. We have changed to a new manufacturer of compostable food waste bags. The new bags are white, come in small and large sizes, and are a little cheaper. Mr. Fox is picking up the food waste twice per week.
 - B. The Transfer Station entrance sign on the north bound side of Rt. 236 has been repaired.
 - C. The Selectmen have approved changing Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection from annual to quarterly events. They will be help mid-week instead of Saturdays to reduce cost. The first will be help 9/16/15.
 - D. A new bulky can retaining wall has been designed to improve access and public safety. One half will be installed prior to winter and the second half will be installed next year.
- 3) Possible discussion with MSAD#35 – Even though the Town Manager's efforts to initiate some conversation with MSAD 35 concerning their recycling programs has not been very fruitful, the committee feels that this effort could be beneficial. The committee will continue to pursue. Joel has contacted the South Berwick Public Works Dir. (John St.Pierre). He also would be interested in participating in discussions.
- 4) Other possible 2015 projects – the committee discussed other possible projects for 2015 and decided to focus on establishing communications with MSAD 35.
- 5) Earth Day 2016 – the committee discussed possible projects for 2016 Earth Day including:
 - A road side clean up
 - A compost bin sale
 - Conduct an educational session for residents on composting and a "trash on the lawn" demonstration showing how to improve recycling and reducing trash in the purple bags.
- 6) Other Business - none
- 7) Next meeting – Oct. 20, 2015 at 6:00 pm at town garage (may cancel if no further response from MSAD#35)

Minutes reviewed and approved at 1/19/2016 meeting.

Note: Meetings for October, November and December were canceled

Submitted and signed,


Jim Tessier