

SOLID WASTE / RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Meeting minutes for Nov. 15, 2013

Present: Jim Tessier, Joel Moulton, Bud Moynahan, Phil Lytle, and Don Weber

- 1) Minutes for previous meeting – Stephen Brandon took the notes at the previous meeting, however, not at meeting so no minutes to approve.
- 2) Budget – the Selectmen requested a budget amount from the committee. The committee has no current planned expenses so no funding will be requested. Jim will inform the Selectmen.
- 3) Budget cuts – as a result of the recent budget process, the Transfer Station (TS) budget has been cut \$85,000. Joel has requested and received approval to have the TS only open 2 days/week, Thursdays and Saturdays. Joel will continue to monitor impact of this cut.
- 4) Kitchen Waste collection program- now that the program is available to all town residents, approximately 4 containers/week at 1 ton/container is being collected. Joel met with Rian Bedard from Mr. Fox Composting – program is working well, Rian will be providing an updated list of acceptable materials.
- 5) Pay-to-throw pilot – currently 1.5 months into 6 month pilot. The volume of recycled material collected appears to be staying level and the amount of MSW collected in September was only 20 tons, which is a significant reduction. Noted that it will take more than 1 month of data to get accurate projections.
Currently the bags are being sold at only 3 locations in town. It was agreed that for the remainder of the pilot to stay with only these 3 locations. This can be evaluated at the end of the pilot. Each location is now ordering bags as needed and being invoiced by Waste Zero.
- 6) Aluminum cans – Jim informed Joel that Northeast Resource Recovery Assoc. (NRRRA) has a new vendor for aluminum cans that is paying a higher price per pound.
- 7) TS employees – decision made to not meet with TS employees at this time, maybe at a later date.
- 8) Next meeting – decision made that no meeting necessary in November, however, meeting earlier than normal in December would be beneficial. At December meeting plan to discuss 3 month Pay-to-throw data for presentation to Selectmen. Next meeting scheduled for Dec. 10, 2013 at 6:30 pm at town garage.

Minutes reviewed and approved at 12/10/13 meeting.

Signed and submitted,


Jim Tessier