

Minutes – 12/18/2012 Solid Waste/Recycling Committee

Present at meeting: Jim Tessier, Joel Moulton, Phil Lytle, Bud Moynahan and Donald Webber
Guest: Rian Bedard from Eco Movement

- 1) Committee discussed with Rian Bedard the possibility of implementing a kitchen scrap composting pilot program.
Advantages: get heavy material out of MSW, easy – all kitchen waste, cost of compost disposal lower than MSW tipping fees, use compostable bags to reduce handling and contamination, Public Works already has a collection container that can be used.
Disadvantages: potential contamination

Setting up pilot program for 50 households would cost town approximately \$2200.

Estimate that each household would collect approximately 10 pounds/week, 520 pounds/year, and for 50 households a total of 13 tons/year. At \$49/ton disposal fee would equal \$637. With \$600 for buckets and \$1026 for disposable bags, the total is \$2263.

Committee agreed to ask Selectmen for approval to proceed. Rian said that he could start almost immediately after getting approval and supplies.

- 2) Committee discussed 2013 budget – at this time we have no anticipated budget needs. Joel agreed that if something comes up, he will determine if the need can be covered within his Public Works budget.
- 3) Committee discussed Waste Zero “Pay to Throw” proposal – the comprehensive cost analysis has not yet been received. Jim agreed to forward to committee when received.

Approved at February 18, 2013 meeting

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James Tessier, Chairman