

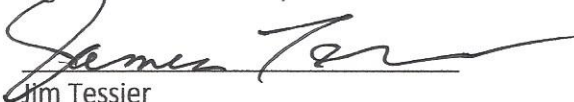
SOLID WASTE / RECYCLING COMMITTEE
Meeting minutes for October 17, 2017

Present: Jim Tessier, Donald Webber, Joel Moulton, Corinne Carignan, Phil Lytle and Bud Moynahan

- 1) Reviewed and approved minutes for meeting held on August 15, 2017. Moved by Corinne, second by Phil. Approved: 6 – 0.
(Note – no meeting was scheduled for September)
- 2) Public Comment – no non-committee members present
- 3) Transfer station, Pay-to-throw, Kitchen food waste collection program
 - A) China, which imports a significant percentage of US recycled material, has recently set new more stringent standards for allowed contamination levels. This has caused a backlog of US exports and commodity price volatility.
 - B) Joel reviewed the proposed new trash disposal contract with EcoMaine. Tipping fees will increase, however, will still be less than most other surrounding communities are currently paying.
Based on pricing and previous experience with EcoMaine, Corinne made a motion that the SWRC recommend to the Select Board continuing a new contract with EcoMaine. Second by Phil. Approved: 6 – 0.
 - C) Organic Solution from York is the company that purchased Mr. Fox.
- 4) Discussion of possible coordination with MSAD 35 and other local towns
- Jim and Joel met again with John Caverly at MSAD 35 on 10/27/17 – John felt that the use of Eliot's spare container for summer trash removal worked very well.
Further discussion indicated that food waste collection may be the next area for coordinated efforts. We will plan to meet again in December for further discussion.
- 5) Discussion of future of SWRC- after discussion, the consensus of the Committee was that we should remain a committee, but only need to meet quarterly. Jim will prepare recommendation to present to Select Board. Areas that committee can work on: continue coordination with MSAD 35, reach out to Jon St. Pierre (South Berwick Public Works Dir.) about future coordination between towns, and help Joel with update of Transfer Station Operations Manual.
- 6) Other business – Joel is looking at reducing the number of household hazardous waste days (HHW) to 3 per year, eliminating the collection in December.
- 7) Next meeting – December 19, 2017 at 6:00 pm at Town Hall.
- 8) Motion to adjourn – moved by Don, second by Corinne. Approved 6 – 0.

Minutes reviewed and approved at 12/19/17 meeting.

Signed and submitted,


Jim Tessier