

SOLID WASTE / RECYCLING COMMITTEE
Meeting minutes for May 17, 2016

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

- 1) Reviewed and approved minutes for meeting held on March 22, 2016 (no meeting in February).
No regular meeting in April – conducted composting/recycling workshop (see #5 below).
- 2) Transfer station, Pay-to-throw, Kitchen food waste collection program
 - A. Transfer Station
 - Recently there was a major fire at ARC (which takes some of Eliot's material). They were back in operation just a few days after the fire so there should be minimal impact on operations at the Transfer Station
- 3) Recycling/composting discussions with MSAD#35 (Update)
 - On 3/29/2016, Jim and Joel met with Jon St. Pierre, South Berwick Public Works Dir. as a follow-up to the meeting with Randy Stewart, MSAD 35 Business Manager. The purpose of the meeting was to reach agreement on possible options that could be presented to MSAD 35 that potentially could improve recycling/composting and/or reduce costs.
- 4) Partnering with South Berwick and other surrounding towns (Update)
 - At 3/29/2016 meeting with Jon St. Pierre we also agreed that there might be potential benefits if the two towns worked together to manage their solid waste. This could potentially lead to further discussions with other surrounding towns.

Note: For both items 3 and 4 above, it was also agreed that discussion with both Town Managers would be required prior to proceeding.

- 5) Earth Day 2016 projects
 - Joel was informed that the York County Corrections Division no longer supports road side cleanup projects.
 - A compost bin sale was conducted however, only 2 bins were sold.
 - A public 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 was conducted on April 26th, however, it was poorly attended.

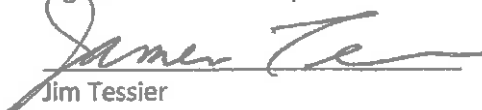
Note: It was agreed that if similar projects are proposed in the future, a much better notification process should be implemented.

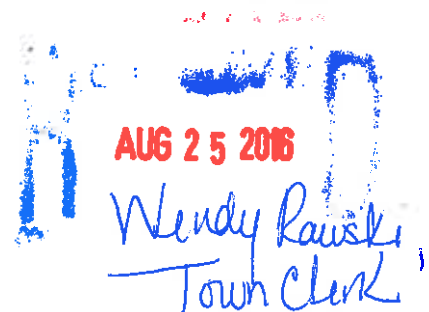
- 6) Other Business
 - Jim attended the 2016 NRRA Annual Conference – Eliot would need to sign an agreement with Maine Paint Care to become a collection site and commodity prices show some recovery.

- 7) Next meeting – June 21, 2016 at Town Garage at 6:00 pm

Minutes reviewed and approved at 6/21/16 meeting.

Signed and submitted,


Jim Tessier


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Wendy Rausk
Town Clerk