

SOLID WASTE / RECYCLING COMMITTEE  
Meeting minutes for March 19, 2019

Present: Jim Tessier, Donald Webber, Corinne Carignan, Pam Mondschein, Joel Moulton, and Bud Moynahan.

Meeting opened at 6:00 p.m.

1. Reviewed and approved December 18, 2018 minutes. Moved by Bud, second by Corinne. Approved: 6 – 0.
2. Public Comment – no non-committee members present
3. Transfer Station updates:
  - a. Solar array is working.
  - b. Retaining wall updates completed and has improved the flow of traffic.
  - c. Redemption of returnable bottles and cans update: The redemption center is in Kittery. They want 30% of revenues if they provide transportation to the redemption center. Joel is investigating obtaining a used closed trailer that can be driven to the redemption center when full.
  - d. Pay-to-throw program is going well.
  - e. The food waste collection program is running well. It is estimated that trash volume has decreased by up to 20% due to this program.
4. Potential Hazardous Household Waste policy change – Currently residents pay fees to dispose of household hazardous waste on Hazardous Waste Collection days. A new policy has been proposed to stop charging for these disposals. The committee does not agree with this plan, but if it is to be enacted, the committee recommends:
  - a. Evenly distribute the budget between the days. The staff will monitor the incoming amount of hazardous waste on that day and then cut off when the budgeted amount.
  - b. Limit residents to \$50 worth of hazardous waste without charge. Over that amount will be charged according to the current fee schedule.
5. Transfer Station Survey – almost all very positive responses. This is tabled until the next committee meeting to see if more surveys are submitted.
6. Compost Bin Sale – Jim stated that he can organize this sale again. Donald moved to support the sale, Pam seconded. Approved 6-0.
7. Other business:
  - a. Website update: Jim and Joel will work on wording will include:
    - i. an explanation why single stream recycling is not used
    - ii. Explain what happens with the materials recycled at the transfer station.
    - iii. List the revenues accrued by selling “clean” recycled materials

- b. SWEEP program (Solid Waste Environmental Excellence Protocol): develop standards for sustainable materials management and then rate recycle collection programs. Jim will investigate.
- c. Town Book: The transfer station and recycling take up 4 pages. Jim will email the 4 pages to the committee members for their comments.
- d. NE Resource Recovery Association is looking for a new executive director. The committee members will make recommendations if they know of a good candidate.

8. Next meeting: June 18, 2019 at 6 p.m.

9. Motion to adjourn – moved by Donald, second by Corinne. Approved 6 – 0.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes reviewed and approved at 6/18/2019 meeting.

Signed and submitted

