SOLID WASTE / RECYCLING COMMITTEE Meeting minutes for June 18, 2019

Present: Jim Tessier, Donald Webber, Corinne Carignan, and Bud Moynahan. Also at meeting: Don Sylvester (Interim Public Works Dir.) and Charlie Bradstreet (Transfer Station Lead Attendant)

Meeting opened at 6:00 p.m.

- 1. Reviewed and approved March 19, 2019 minutes. Moved by Bud, second by Don Webber. Approved: 4 0.
- 2. Public Comment Don Sylvester and Charlie only non-committee members.
- 3. Transfer Station updates: The Chair invited Don Sylvester and Charlie Bradstreet, who is retiring, to the meeting to discuss how Transfer Station operations may be impacted by recent changes in recycling markets.

a. Don stated that Eliot is no longer taking York cardboard. It was costing Eliot about \$125/week to remove contamination and bale the cardboard.

b. Eliot is changing to a redemption center from Sanford, Maine for processing returnable bottles and cans. They pay a little more and will pick up the containers.

c. At this time, both Don and Charlie recommend no other changes at the Transfer Station.

- 4. Returnable bottle and can redemption The Kittery redemption center has been charging 30% of redemption amount to pick up the containers and also may be closing soon, so as mentioned above, we are now using a redemption center in Sanford.
- 5. Transfer Station Survey The Committee agreed to wait until September meeting to review and discuss Transfer Station survey forms.
- 6. 2019 Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRA) Annual Conference Jim attended the conference. The significant news: after 10 years as Executive Director, Mike Durfor is retiring and the Association has selected Reagan Bissonnette as the new Executive Director. The Association is also working on pilot projects for using miscellaneous paper as bedding for large animals and as a substitute for wood pellets in stoves and boilers.
- 7. Other business:
- a. The State has passed legislation to ban Styrofoam food containers and single use plastic bags in 2020.
 - 8. Next meeting: September 17, 2019 at 6 p.m.
 - 9. Motion to adjourn moved by Donald, second by Corinne. Approved 4 0. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

10. Minutes reviewed and approved at $\frac{9/17/19}{10}$ meeting.

Signed and submitted

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