

SOLID WASTE / RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Meeting minutes for March 16, 2021

Present: Jim Tessier, Donald Webber, Corinne Carignan, Bud Moynahan, Pam Mondschein, Steve Robinson (Public Works Director)

Meeting opened at 5:02 p.m.

1. Reviewed and approved October 20, 2020 minutes. Moved by Donald, second by Corinne. Approved: 5 – 0.
2. Public Comment – no non-committee members present
3. Review/discuss/update:
 - a. Changes to Transfer Station:
 - i. Steve reported that everything is going smoothly with the use of the Bag Shed. The Town no longer pays a vendor to distribute the bags and collect the revenues to local business. Therefore, the town now has complete control of the distribution and revenue of the waste disposal bags.
 - ii. The Book Donations hut is no longer in place as the person who was collecting the books was selling them, which is against the Transfer Station's protocol.
 - b. Pay-to-throw program: Steve reports that the new blue bags are better quality and cost less.
 - c. Food waste collection program: Steve reports that everything is going smoothly. Jim will arrange for the committee to take a tour of the compost facility.
4. Discussion/update to SWRC and Transfer Station portion of Town website
 - a. SWRC webpage:
 - i. A Create a subpage with the SWRC By-laws
 - ii. The committee members will work on the following for the next meeting:
 1. A history of the Transfer Station and Recycling Center
 2. The fiscal and environmental impact of the Town of Eliot's recycling
 3. Explanation of why the Town does not use single stream recycling
 - iii. Install a link to the Transfer Station webpage
 - b. Transfer Station & Recycling Center
 - i. Include "Closed for holidays" and "Bag Shed closes 30 minutes early" on Hours of Operation page
 - ii. Include a link to Steve's email for people's comments/suggestions/complaints
 - iii. On the opening page, include:

1. The fiscal & environmental impact of the town's recycling
2. The explanation of why single stream recycling is not being used.
3. The Transfer Station is for use of Eliot residents only and vehicle tags are available at Town Hall.

5. Next meeting: June 15, 2021 at 5 p.m.

6. Motion to adjourn – moved by Bud, seconded by Donald. Approved 5 – 0.
Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Minutes reviewed and approved at 7/20/21 meeting.

Signed and submitted

