

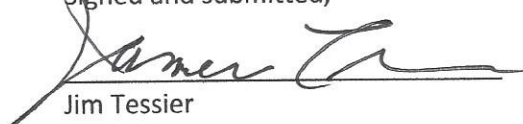
SOLID WASTE / RECYCLING COMMITTEE
Meeting minutes for September 20, 2016

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

- 1) Reviewed and approved minutes for meeting held on July 19, 2016. Vote of 4 – 0.
Note: No SWRC meeting held in August, 2016
- 2) Public Comment – no non-committee members present
- 3) Transfer station, Pay-to-throw, Kitchen food waste collection program – Public Works Dir. not at meeting so nothing to update.
- 4) Implementation of Charter requirements
 - A) Proposed By-laws: the Chair provided a set of revised proposed by-laws based on comments from the Select Board. Changes include revising meeting location to Town Hall and electing officers annually instead of every 2 years. After Committee discussion, “Secretary” was also added back as a Committee officer.
Motion: To approve the Proposed By-laws as amended. Moved by Corinne Carignan, second by Bud Moynahan. Vote: 4 – 0.
 - B) Election of Officers:
Secretary: Jim Tessier, Vote: 4 – 0
- 5) Discuss possibility of coordination with South Berwick and MSAD 35 on recycling/composting issues (Update) – Chair met with MSAD 35 representatives Randy Stewart and John Caverly (see attached for discussion items). All agreed that future discussion was warranted, however, no specific action was agreed to. Town Managers and Public Works Directors were not at meeting.
- 6) Other Business
 - A) Don Webber raised the concern about safety of the public at the Transfer Station. He noted on two different dates, people (that he thought may be non-residents) were handing out information, however, were not staying in the designated area for such activity. Bud Moynahan said he also has recently observed similar activity.
After discussion, the Committee agreed to discuss with the Public Works Dir. to determine if current procedures/policies are adequate and possibly address with Select Board if necessary.
 - B) Committee self-assessment – the Chair noted that he had previously sent out a blank committee self-assessment form provided by the Town Manager and requested each member to complete and return and he would collate the answers. No responses were received by deadline so Chair completed form based on his observations and returned form to TM. A copy of the form as completed by the Chair was provided to members in attendance for review and emailed to members not at meeting.
- 7) Next meeting – October 18, 2016 at Town Hall at 6:00 pm

Minutes reviewed and approved at 10/18/16 meeting.

Signed and submitted,


Jim Tessier

Joint Meeting of Eliot and South Berwick
Regarding Collaboration with Each Other and with MSAD 35
on Solid Waste and Recycling Issues

1. We could use spare roll off containers from each town's solid waste station, and move them every two weeks or so from one school to the next; hauling the summer clean out debris to an appropriate facility. No cost for the containers (versus renting from Troiano), and only need to pay the Town's staff time / gas to haul it away and tipping fees (saving the cost of renting 5 containers for the summer).
2. It appears that each school decides its own food waste recycling program. Some have such programs, some do not; some are more "mature" than other programs. We could help facilitate a "system" that could be implemented across all schools, enhancing the food waste collected, and to help South Berwick also implement this money-saving strategy. We have a relationship with Mr. Fox who could pick up the food waste at the various schools as well as EcoMaine that can develop school-specific composting educational workshops. Developing food collection at all schools could reduce the volume in the trash containers, reducing the frequency of pick ups, thus reducing costs.
3. Eliot has an existing relationship with EcoMaine and as a result, each school in MSAD 35 can apply for a recycling / composting grant of up to \$5,000.