

Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2014

PRESENT: Pat Bracken, Chairman, Ellen Cabral, and Chris Kowalski, and Bob Nugent
Chairman Bracken opened the meeting at 7:30 pm.
Guests: Selectman Lindquist, P. Williams (Tri Town News) (came later)

MINUTES

The regular meeting for March 12th was moved to March 19th. The members present (all but E. Cabral) discussed the project with Pinkerton Academy. No minutes were available.

Old Business

Pinkerton Academy Project- Mr. Nugent was at PA on April 8th and met with the teacher coordinating the project (Chris Lord) and Allie, the student working with the project. There were a list of things they would need for the project. From what Mr. Nugent was able to write down (was waiting for an email with the list).

1. 2 bins (one red, one blue)
2. Who would cover the cost of the interview
3. A contact for the video for any questions
4. If help is needed in developing a secondary website for answers etc.
5. NHPTV has shown interest in doing a documentary on the PA students working on the project.
6. Up front payment \$500
7. SEA organization- Student Environmental Association works with Brewster Bartlett and Chris Lord and may be of some assistance to the project.
8. Have Ellen meet up with Allie (the student representative. (she will try to catch up with her and set a date to meet).

CK asked if someone was writing up a script? RN stated that the committee will give them the ideas that they want to see such as the talking points along with facts if needed.

The committee discussed how to motivate the people to recycle along with a common theme to reach people of all age groups. It is intended to be a minimum 5 minute video to maybe 10 minutes. The primary theme should be who/what/when/where/why and how. It was suggested that others could be included such as the NRRA (Caitlyn Meaney). It was also mentioned that it would be interesting to see what the various age groups think of recycling or what the benefits are. People would give many different ideas as to why it is important. RN said that they could do an interview with people and put information about them scrolling across the bottom. PB said that Casella had information that could be used and gave permission for the students to see the Charlestown facility (as long as notice was given prior). They would also need to see the video prior to it being viewed. It was suggested to ask Casella to participate whereas they see what residents are putting in and can explain what should or shouldn't be placed in the recycling bin. Contamination is becoming a problem with the single stream recycling and that could be explained.

Casella could help with who, what and how, the boiler plate items. The committee can fill the holes in the contact if needed. RN stated that the kids he has seen are really into the project. EC asked when the video is to be completed and was told by the end of the school year.

Chairman Bracken asked for a motion to process a payment from the RAWD budget under miscellaneous expenses for \$500 payable to Pinkerton Academy as a deposit on the project. The motion was made and seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The committee also agreed that they would like to see a breakdown at the end of the project of the costs.

There was a question as to what format the movie will be. Mrs. Harrington will check with Bianca Nicolosi and see what the best format would be. PB remembers being asked if it was going to be done in high def. or digital. EC thanked RN for all the work he has put into the project so far at Pinkerton. He will get the contact information for Allie and forward it to EC. There was discussion as to whether or not a secondary site would be needed. It was decided that EC would look at the current site and see what needs to be changed and updated and try to use that site. CK suggested checking to see if there was a search section on the hampsteadnh.us website.

The committee also discussed that this video could be just the first and other ideas can be brought forward in future videos.

New Business

Library Summer Reading Program- Chairman Bracken was contacted by the Children's Librarian regarding a recycling project or mini class to do over the summer with the kids. He will ask her for some further information such as the age group and date etc. He will keep the others up to date with the information.

He asked what the others thought about having some items to give out that have the town's recycling logo in it or some other recycling item to give out. The recently met with a group of boy scouts regarding recycling and things went well. The kids were into the information.

The program that EC presented ended up being about 30 minutes with the questions.

Route Change- There was a request made from Casella/Bestway to change the date of curbside pickup for trash and recycling for the residents on North Salem Road, Collette's Drive and Emmert Drive. They offered for the changes to take effect May 1st or June 1st. They are currently a Tuesday pick up and the request is to move them to a Monday pick up.

The committee had no problem with the change except that want Casella/Bestway to put flyers in the residents boxes for the two weeks prior to the change. Mrs. Harrington will draw up a letter and get the draft to the members. The committee agrees that June 1st would be a better date to change.

Cardboard container at Kent Farm-The company that has been providing a container through the NRRA at the transfer station told Mr. Harms that it wasn't worth it to them to provide the container whereas it is emptied only once a year. Mr. Harms was contacting Casella to see if there were any options there. The possibility is that anyone going this weekend will be told to bring the cardboard to the recycling container at the garage, or the employees will collect it and bring to the container. It will not be placed into the compactor.

Recyclebank-They asked for a follow up phone meeting and during the meeting they asked if the town would be interested in moving forward with a new agreement with Recyclebank. The cost would be \$.40 per household that is eligible to participate (roughly 3023 households). This would be about \$1200 per month which is way beyond any money the committee has. Mrs. Harrington will let them know that the committee is not interested in continuing on. Mrs. Harrington will forward the information from the meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Mary 14th. It is expected that Dave Marcoux and Archie St. Hilaire will be present to talk with the committee regarding going out to bid. It was suggested that the committee meet with them at the start of the meeting and then move onto the regular business.

EC will look at the information she received from Caitlyn regarding the questions the committee had. It looks like the programs can be done a la carte. EC will go through the information and bring it back to the committee at the May meeting.

Selectman Lindquist came in from the Cable Committee meeting and stated that they (Cable) offered to help in any way the committee needs.

Meeting adjourned at 9:16 pm

NEXT MEETING

May 14, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

Agenda: NRRA/Education update

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Harrington,
Recording Secretary