

Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2014

PRESENT: Pat Bracken, Chairman, Chris Kowalski, and Bob Nugent (Ellen Cabral was absent but participated by phone later in meeting)

Chairman Bracken opened the meeting at 7:30 pm.

Guests: Selectman Lindquist, P. Williams (Tri Town News) two students from the Pinkerton Academy Television group were present to film some of the meeting. (Adam and Noah).

MINUTES

The minutes from April 9th were reviewed.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of April 9th as written. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Cardboard Recycling-The recycling container at the Town Garage needed to be emptied recently and will need to be monitored whereas there is no cardboard recycling container at the transfer station. It currently cost \$50 per pick up on the 2 yard container. If it is filling up frequently it may need a larger dumpster.

Hampstead Library-The reading program over the summer will be held on July 31st at 6:30 in the upstairs meeting room. Mr. Bracken said that it should be similar to the program done with the cub scouts. Patti Falconer, the Children's Librarian, stated that the age groups should be K-2nd grade. There will be games after the presentation where the kids will work on the reuse idea working with egg cartons etc. At that point the committee members can talk to the parents.

Household Hazardous Waste Day- Was held in Plaistow on the 10th. There was a steady stream of cars into the area. Mr. Bracken said that he stopped in at the Atkinson Town Office to see what was up with the grant payment from 2013. As of May 8th all the paperwork was in and it would take up to 30 days for the payment to be sent out. The other members thanked Mr. Bracken for following up. It is expected that Atkinson should receive the payment and then reimburse the other communities. It turns out the State had all the proper paperwork, but had not acted upon the request for payment.

New Business

N.R.R.A Conference-The 2014 conference is scheduled and Mr. Nugent will attend on Monday and Tuesday with Mr. Bracken attending on Tuesday and Mr. Kowoloski on Monday. Today is the deadline for the discounted price so Mrs. Harrington will submit the paperwork this evening.

N.R.R.A-Education Central School

The members discussed what components to move forward with at the Central School. It looks like there might be about 96 kids in the third grade which might be an odd number where they were estimating 40 kids per session. The original cost was \$1,400 for 8 workshops and \$400 for the assessment. The committee was looking at just doing the third grade which might be 3 workshops (3 40 minutes sessions) plus the assessment. There was discussion about when the assessment needed to happen (with teachers present or not) and what was involved in the assessment. Mrs. Harrington reached Ms. Cabral via phone and put her on speaker at this time. She reviewed the responses she had from Caitlyn Meaney of the NRRA regarding the steps. It was agreed that she would be asked two more questions, if they could do a ½ day presentation (the committee felt an full day event was too disruptive) and the cost would be reduced, along with a description of what the assessment entails. Mr. Bracken will speak with Jennifer Marino,

the Assistant Principal at the Central School to see if it would be allowed. Ms. Cabral was sending out the questions this evening and would hopefully have a quick response.

The committee reviewed the current statistics on the trash and recycling numbers.

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 pm

NEXT MEETING

June 11, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

Agenda: NRRRA/Education update

Casella to be present

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Harrington,
Recording Secretary