

Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 2, 2014

PRESENT: Pat Bracken; Chairman, Chris Kowalski, Ellen Cabral, and Bob Nugent

The meeting opened at 7:30 pm.

Guests: P. Williams (Reporter), and P. Lachapelle (Waste Management)

The meeting was held a week earlier than normal due to scheduling conflicts. Chairman Bracken thanked all for being able to attend on short notice. The revised meeting date was duly posted.

MINUTES

The minutes from June 11, 2014 were reviewed.

Mr. Nugent asked for a correction regarding the white bags for recycling. He noted that they were being taken with the trash. Mr. Bracken asked for clarification on the SW operator license changes and if they were changes statewide or not. Mr. Kowalski responded that they were the new statewide regulations. Ms. Cabral will confirm the price for holding a class from the NRRA in September to make sure the ½ day cost for three classes has not changed.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of June 11th as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

NRRA-Mr. Bracken told the members that when he went to the NRRA Conference he attended the classes on Bio Solids and Marketing of Recyclables in a Digital World. He talked about the issues with sludge and regulations. On the recyclables he told about some of the ideas they used to promote recycling such as writing articles for the paper. They said to use smartphones, social media. The suggestion was to have a direct URL instead of a link from an official town website. The members felt that it was better to work with the Town's website for now. Ms. Cabral said that currently the Facebook page for Hampstead Recycles is not active due to changes in group requirements on Facebook but it could get going and have a link from it to the website. The maintenance on the Facebook page would be easier than the maintenance on the website.

Mr. Nugent noted that he hadn't gone to Chester yet to see their compost pile but will look at doing this soon. He also reported that he heard that Coca-Cola has an education program for schools at no cost to help with recycling. The committee thought it would be worth looking into as long as there is no advertising of Coca-Cola on anything during the presentation. Mr. Bracken said that he had not talked with the school yet about having the NRRA come in for the fall. The other members suggested that he do this over the summer to have everything in place for the fall.

Recycling Video- Mr. Kowalski asked about the video. Mr. Bracken told him the video was completed and that Casella and the NRRA had each sent a representative to film the video and they have both seen the video and are okay with it. He noted that he along with Mr. Nugent and Ms. Cabral has seen it. Ms. Cabral will forward the link to the video to Mr. Kowalski and Mrs. Harrington. The link should have been sent to the Cable Committee (B. Nicolosi) to get it up on the cable channel and should be put out for the website. The bill has been submitted for the final payment of \$500 for a total of \$1,000 to produce it. The money will be used to help the students get certificates in video production. Mr. Kowalski suggested doing it again next year. The Committee thought maybe a different theme or focuses each year and maybe involves more of the towns. It was noted that Mr. Lord was very enthusiastic about the project.

New Business

RFP- Curbside collection, Tipping and Kent Farm

The committee began the process of reviewing the RFP's used the last time the curbside collection went out to bid. To start they agreed to combine the curbside collection with the recycling curbside collection. The reason was that they have not been getting separate bidders for both. There was discussion as to whether or not the tipping fee should be included into the same proposal as the curbside collection. Mr. Bracken was against doing this because there is always a possibility that a vendor does not have an agreement with a facility and would therefore need the town to have a designated site collection. There was much discussion around the combining of the tipping fees. It was commented that it was confusing for the haulers that bid on the contract last time and that it is more efficient to combine the three. It was noted that the vendors base cost on where they are going.

It was agreed that for now they would stay separate but the wording on the comments needs to be carried over to the tipping. It was also stated that the curbside bulk should be part of the RFP for curbside collection. .

On the statement of conditions:

Curbside collection- item #5 remove on both RFP's

It was agreed to take out the increase by using CPI from the RFP's. Mr. Bracken stated that this caused to much confusion and that it was better to have the actual number up front.

Fuel Indicator-M. Kowalski suggested taking it out all together and let the bidder tell what he would need (item #8 on trash, and #10 on recycling)

Toters- It was discussed that the town understands this is the way things are going, but at this time it is not where Hampstead is at. (remove item#9 on curbside).

Mrs. Harrington will update the changes discussed and will update the tonnage on each of the RFP's and forward to the members for review prior to next meeting.

Planet Aid- Mrs. Harrington noted that she received a call from Planet Aid after they saw Mr. Nugent at the NRRA Conference. The committee has discussed in the past having one at the town garage. The committee agreed tonight that they would like to see more information on the process before asking for the Selectmen to allow one at the garage (if there is room).

Meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m. (Ms. Cabral left at 8:30)

NEXT MEETING

August 13, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

Agenda: RFP's

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Harrington,
Recording Secretary