

**Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
October 14, 2015**

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

Guests: Penny Williams, (Tri Town News), Emily Reschberger, Budget Committee

**MINUTES**

The minutes from the September 2015 meeting were approved by voice vote.

Mr. Nugent noted that shredded paper couldn't be in a container. It needs to be bagged up and it was suggested that a brown paper work would work and staple it shut so that the paper doesn't get loose. Mr. Nugent also mentioned that he had spoken with staff at East Coast Lumber and they would be willing to stock whatever the town needs and would give a good deal.

**Old Business**

*Hampstead Garden Club*

Ms. Cabral said that she would be interested in doing the compost class for the Garden Club. Currently the cost is \$500 for the NRRRA to do the class which is more than the Garden Club has allocated.

Mr. Nugent motioned to allow Ellen Cabral to do the composting class for the Garden Club in 2016. The motion was seconded and the vote was all in favor.

*Household Hazardous Waste*

The collection day is coming up and the committee discussed the process and responsibilities. The paperwork for the Grant was submitted by the office. Flyers have been sent to the library and the elementary school as well as on the towns' website. Mr. Bracken reported that he spoke with Veolia to ask them if they would take the ballasts that St. Anne's was looking to dispose. He reported that they said they would take them even though they weren't on the list. Mr. Nugent mentioned that the new ones aren't hazardous and has a label on them. If there is no label, then they should be treated as hazardous. Mr. Kowalski asked about the organization for the day. Mrs. Harrington reported that the police detail was scheduled 8:30-12:30 at Main and School Street. There are three groupings needed, one at the traffic where the cars will need to cross over into the traffic lane. There will be forms handed out and identification verified. On the back of the school, there needs to be someone to collect the forms and then get the cars into two lanes. Mr. Worthen will be located at the unloading site. It was suggested that yellow vests be worn to separate the workers and make them visible to the attendees. It was discussed that one point person should be named. Ms. Cabral was expecting to be there the whole collection hours. The committee agreed to name Ms. Cabral as the point of contact person.

*2016 Budget*

The committee reviewed the preliminary budget presented by Mr. Bracken. Mrs. Reschberger was present for the budget review as a member of the Budget Committee.

Kent Farm collection was an issue. Currently TV coupons are sold by size and with the change in how the TV's leave our site we now get billed by the pound. After some discussion on the transfer station budget it was agreed to leave it at the proposed amount of \$27,674.00. It will need to be reviewed the cost to remove is more than what is currently charged.

Fuel Surcharge is a contractual obligation but with the cost of gas low, it was suggested to only budget \$3,000 for 2016. Workshops and training are increased to cover for the three workers that need to recertify annually along with the cost of going to the NRRRA Conference. Dues and Subscriptions are for the NRRRA annual dues. Ms. Cabral suggested that we talk with the NRRRA about what they offer because she feels that we underutilize what services they offer. Mr. Bracken stated that it is worth looking into if it worth participating in. There is money in the

budget to purchase more bins in 2016. Trash stickers were ordered in 2015 and there should have been 5000 of them. IT is hoped that this should last into 2016. Overall the budget is pretty flat. The decrease in the Household Hazardous Waste line offsets the cost of the contract increases. Mr. Bracken will rework the numbers and get it out to the committee members. The next presentation of the budget will be in December to the Selectmen and Budget Committee.

**New Business**

There was none this evening.

**Motion to adjourn at 9:20 pm was made by Mr. Kowalski and seconded by Mr. Nugent and passed 4-0.**

**NEXT MEETING**

**November 11, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Harrington,  
Recording Secretary