

**Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
February 10, 2016**

**PRESENT:** Pat Bracken; Chairman, Ellen Cabral, and Chris Kowalski (absent R. Nugent)

Guests: S. Harms and P. Williams (Tri Town News)

**MINUTES**

The minutes from January 13, 2016 were approved with one correction changing Mr. Cabral on the last line to Ms. Cabral by voice vote.

**Old Business**

**New Business**

**Kent Farm Transfer Station-**

Mr. Harms was present to meet with the committee tonight to review policies and procedures at the Kent Farm Transfer Station along with ongoing issues. It has come up that there are items being accepted that shouldn't be. Mr. Harms stated that he has always allowed the homeowner to dispose of small "DIY projects" even though it states no construction debris at the transfer station. It has gotten to the point that there is a lot of homeowners bringing in construction debris such as tandem axles loaded down. It has gotten to the point where it is difficult to turn a resident away and that they go to accepting small amounts or none at all. The committee discussed extensively the ability to determine a small amount and determined that the only step was to discontinue the practice and hold to the policy of accepting no construction debris of any sort. A flyer will be written up to go with the transfer station stickers purchased clearly outlining what is allowed and what is not allowed with clear samples. Mr. Harms stated that painted, stained, treated or manufactured wood is not allowed. Plain wood with no sheetrock attached can be taken and put into the burn pile. Mr. Bracken wants the Selectmen to be aware of the enforcement of the policy and will see that it can be noted at the next meeting of the Selectmen. The Committee also discussed additional support staff for busy periods at the transfer station with Mr. Harms. There was a suggestion of someone standing closer to where the out road intersects with the incoming road so that people with items not allowed could be turned away. Mr. Harms stated that is normally what he does until the packer needs to be crushed. He stated that the busy times are normally 8 am to 12 pm. It was noted that all workers are required to have certification to work there.

It was suggested that an option would be to discontinue the use of the he Kent Farm Transfer Station and go to curbside pickup of bulk items a couple of times a year such what the surrounding towns do. Someone noted that another option is have a few dumpsters at the highway department and bring items there.

Mr. Harms also mentioned that the committee may want to look into purchasing a second compactor in the near future.

**Motion to adjourn at 8:34 pm was made by Mr. Kowalski and seconded by Ms. Cabral and passed 3-0.**

**NEXT MEETING**

**March 9, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Harrington,  
Recording Secretary