

**Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**March 9, 2016**

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

Guests: P. Lindquist and P. Williams (Tri Town News)

**MINUTES**

The minutes from February 10, 2016 were approved with one correction by voice vote.

**Old Business**

Updates: Ms. Cabral spoke with Mr. Collins at the Central School and the NRRA and they would like to do a third grade class. They won't be time to have the class prior to Earth Day and school vacation, so they will look into trying in May.

Ms. Cabral will look into reaching out to the various scout troops. She has spoken with a Daisy Troop and there is a badge they earn and she will meet with them towards the end of April. She asked the other members of the committee if it would worth purchasing or paying for, any badges that the scouts may earn towards composting or recycling. The committee agreed that they would need to know that the scout meet the qualification of the badge and maybe follow through on an activity in that area. They would like to support it.

Mr. Kowalski mentioned that he has spoken with Janet at the library and there are some classes coming up on composting and beetles. Ms. Cabral will be doing the compost class for the Garden Club on May 18<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Kowalski will review the slides for her.

Mr. Bracken reported that he was able to reach the Pepsi Company regarding their "Recycle Rally" and it was suggested that it start at the beginning of the school year. It is a company sponsored program that focuses on the awareness of recycling and how to increase it. Points are earned for recycling, similar to the Recycle Bank program. There were some questions about how the bins would be weighed, which is part of the program. The school would need to do the work, but the committee could help. Mrs. Williams suggested that Mr. Bracken contact Carolyn Davis at the Middle School.

Hazardous Waste-Mrs. Harrington reported that there was a note from Dan Garlington, of the Plaistow Highway, stating that there will be a meeting in the summer regarding the Household Hazardous Waste Collection schedule. He would also like to discuss towns not participating in all the collections and the burden it places on the other communities.

**New Business**

February statistics were up compared to prior Februarys. It was noted that this was a leap year and there was one more day in the month compared to the prior Februarys. The committee asked if the trucks were holding to the curbside limits. Mrs. Harrington reported that from what she can see for the most part people are adhering to the regulations. There are some occasionally that are seen over the limits. There was a question about the "oops" stickers that were discussed with Casella. It was suggested that an article and the 2016 flyer would reinforce the limits.

Propane Tanks- It was noted that propane tanks are collected at the garage and the flyer should be updated. Mrs. Harrington said that they were collected at both sites.

Construction Debris- The committee discussed the construction debris situation at Kent Farm again. Selectman Lindquist was going to bring the information forward at the next Selectmen's meeting but had forgotten. The flyer is now updated with the definition of C & D. They

discussed how the increase in the amount of C & D being brought in by homeowners is increasing the tonnage. They are trying to determine the best way to be fair to the homeowner with one or two small items compared to the homeowner bringing in a trailer full of C & D. They discussed the issue of being short on help and that there is money budgeted for 2016 for a half person for the season. They also discussed that based on what they were seeing last year, they increased their budget by \$3,500 for the bulk disposal and the Selectmen reduced the budget by \$3,300. They were \$4,000 over budget for 2015 and have no wiggle room in the 2016 budget to take on a large increase in bulk tipping fees. They also emphasized that it is the policy to not accept any C & D and they are suggesting the enforcement of it. Mr. Bracken reported that he spoke with Kris Emerson, Building Inspector and he was okay with handing out the flyer information with building permits.

The committee discussed changing the sign at the gate to describe what is meant by the construction debris. The current sign was purchased through New Hampshire the Beautiful. To get a 4 x 8 foot sign would cost 60 points, which is the allotted amount per year. Mr. Bracken will get a picture of the current sign to see what it says and what needs to be changed.

Library Request- The library is looking to send out a survey for the library services and the Trustees wanted to see if they could piggy back on the flyer the committee sends out and help pay the cost. There was discussion as to whether or not a flyer was going out this year. Based on the current numbers it was agreed it would be worth sending out the flyer and emphasizing composting. Last time there were 4300 flyers printed and 4100 mailed. The cost for the printing and postage was \$1,050.00. It was agreed to allow the library to attach the survey with the flyer, but to find out how it would all go together.

**Motion to adjourn at 9:04 pm was made by Mr. Kowalski and seconded by Ms. Cabral and passed 3-0.**

**NEXT MEETING**

**April 13, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Harrington,  
Recording Secretary