

Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2016

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

Guests: P. Lindquist, R. Krol (Library Director), and P. Williams (Tri Town News)

MINUTES

The minutes from April 13, 2016 were approved by voice vote with an a correction to the date on the minutes.

Old Business

Upcoming Events-Ms. Cabral reported that she met with the Daisy Troop last week and there were about 15 girls and things went well. She noted that they each brought in an item from home and part of their program was to make something with it to show things could be reused. She said that she will be meeting with a Brownie Troop on May 15th for a short presentation like the Daisy Troop one. There was discussion about the badges for the troops. Ms. Cabral stated that the Daisy troop has a badge for it and the girls may be at the St. Anne's festival on the recycling to finish their badge. She left it up to the Troop Leader for the Brownies as to the need for a badge and that the leader still needed to set the project.

The Garbage Guerilla class was held on May 4th with the third grade classes. They were lucky in that the rain held off in the morning and they were able to do it outside. She reported that the kids did great and had fun sorting. She stated that there was on 20 minutes per class to do it. She was able to do the assessment with Mr. Collins and Gwen. Ms. Cabral felt that Mr. Collins was open to composting and that there was a new food company starting in the school in the fall and that they may be interested in composting. She announced that this would be a great opportunity to reduce trash tonnage. Mr. Bracken asked about the teachers and their reception. Ms. Cabral responded that most of them got into it and will help reinforce what is recycling in the classroom. Ms. Cabral stated that during the assessment she noticed incorrect items being placed in the barrels in the cafeteria and suggested that there be labels so the kids know what goes in trash and what goes into recycling. Mr. Nugent stated that at the NRRRA conference last year they talked about how difficult it is to do a composting program at a school. Ms. Cabral suggested that working with the NRRRA may make it an easier process.

Garden Club- The program with the Garden Club is coming up on May 18th at Hadley Hall. She will also be at the NRRRA Conference, but with the NRRRA. Mr. Nugent and Mr. Kowalski will both be attending on Monday, May 16th.

2016-2017 Flyer- Rosemary Krol, Library Director was present tonight to discuss the flyer they the library will be putting out with the RAWD committee. Ms. Cabral had heard from Mr. Cipriano and he had reported that they wouldn't be ready to do the flyer until September. Mrs. Krol said that the survey is completed and she will be looking for approval from the Trustees at their next meeting. Once she has their approval, the survey would be ready to go. She stated that the library would like to see all patrons complete the survey, not just one per household. Their flyer should have the information on it to complete the survey electronically as well. Ms. Cabral will contact Hampstead Print and Copy and get some pricing and they will look at fitting the two flyers into one and getting out for end of May, beginning of June. They did discuss the possibility of a composting class that Ms. Cabral could give at the library. Ms. Williams suggested that a class be done with the children as part of the reading program (Fitness and Nutrition is the theme). Mrs. Krol will look at some dates for over the summer and for it to be held in the garden.

New Business

Mrs. Harrington reported that Casella had reached out to see if the curbside bulk disposal day could be changed from Thursday to Tuesday. The Thursday day is a heavy trash day and Tuesday the pickup isn't as long. The dates are not published anywhere so no notice needs to be given to the public. The next schedule will start in June.

Mrs. Harrington also reported that she heard back from Dave Allen regarding stickers on trash. He checked with the operations center and was told that they are putting stickers on in appropriate items, but are still taking plastic bags. There was a concern that if they don't take them, they end up blowing away.

The Town of Derry responded back to Mrs. Harrington regarding the ability for Hampstead residents to continue bringing their bulk items and C & D to the Derry Transfer Station. The response was that it is still allowed. The contact information, Joanie Hamel, will be changed on the flyer.

The Spring Household Hazardous Waste Day collection was held in Plaistow last weekend and even though Hampstead was not participating, the ad had Hampstead listed as a participating town. This resulted in about 35 residents showing up and 32 were refused. Only a handful complained to the Town Office about not being able to dispose of items.

Mr. Bracken said that he was asked recently if a resident could bring 1 2x4 board to the transfer station, to which he told him yes it could.

Motion to adjourn at 8:30 pm was made by Mr. Nugent and seconded by Ms. Cabral and passed 3-0.

NEXT MEETING

June 8, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Upcoming events:

Brownie Troop- Sunday, May 15th

NRRA conference- Monday and Tuesday May 16th and 17th

Garden Club program- Wednesday May 18th

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Harrington,
Recording Secretary