

Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2016

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

Guests: P. Lindquist, A. Cipriano, C. Cipriano, and P. Williams (Tri Town News)

MINUTES

The minutes from May 11, 2016 were approved by voice vote with a correction the spelling of bringing (under the Town of Derry)

Old Business

NRRA Conference- Mr. Nugent, Mr. Kowalski and Ms. Cabral attended the NRRA Conference. Mr. Nugent reported that he spoke with Waste Management and Casella to see they knew how to dispose of 1 pound propane tanks. Both said that they did not accept them. Mr. Nugent asked the employees at the town garage and was told that they do accept them there. He also reported that he spoke to some people about textiles and there was no one that took rugs. He did note that there was a lot recycling of clothing and that area is continuing to grow. There was a small discussion on the Planet Aid containers and how there are items thrown in them that don't belong. There is no sure way to supervise what goes in or is left there. Mr. Nugent also mentioned that the place in Houston Texas that was to take all recyclables ended up not being a feasible business and didn't work out. There are issues with the value of some of the recycling materials on their own and there was hope that the values were going to start going back up again.

Mr. Kowalski mentioned that they spoke about the cost of recycling collection is rising and that new contracts will start to see charging for recycling tipping fees. Mr. Bracken asked if they were given alternatives and Ms. Cabral responded that money will need to be invested by putting it into facilities to make changes to get the best money for the stock they get. Mr. Kowalski said that there is a big push on PAYT (pay as your throw). Mr. Nugent said that it is still better to recycle or repurpose/reuse items when one can. The other note was to get away from plastic as much as you could and use items that are refillable- especially in the schools. An example would be the water fountains that allow water bottles to be filled up.

Mr. Kowalski reported that he heard at the conference that they are looking for towns to allow more time for the vendors to work on preparing quotes for curbside pickup etc. He heard as early as 9 months. The process would be to put the proposal out to bid with a due date months later. This would allow the companies to do more research and give a better quote, including whether or not they would be required to purchase new equipment to do the job, etc. Mr. Bracken had an issue with putting an RFP out so early because they would be looking at an estimate of tonnage instead of an actual report.

Mr. Kowalski also mentioned how it the trash business is a very dangerous one. There are 33 deaths per every 100,000 employees.

New Business

Jim Stewart- Hutchins Path

Mr. Stewart noted that he has lived in town for 30 years and puts out one small trash barrel and one recycling barrel every week. He noted that he has always picked up a transfer station permit and usually had a pickup truck he owned. He stated that he recently went to get a sticker for the transfer station to take down three items. He had an apartment size fridge, microwave and a chair. He does not have a truck anymore and was going to use his son-in-law's. He was told he would need an annual pass at \$20 for him as the resident and then another \$20 to purchase a one day pass on the use of the truck, plus the cost for the fridge. He had no issue with the cost for the fridge and annual pass but stated that he was being penalized because he does not have a

pickup truck and didn't feel that was fair. He was told that it was a policy set by the committee so he was here tonight to plead his case. The committee gave him some options such as check with a neighbor to see if they could help out and take it Derry or Raymond. Mr. Stewart stated that he shouldn't have to ask his neighbor for the use of his truck to take something to the transfer station. The person with a truck has an advantage over the person without one and that isn't fair or equitable. He said that if the purpose of the one day pass was to prevent abuse, it could happen by a resident owning a truck and using it to take his son-in-law's stuff to the dump so abuse could happen either way. Mr. Stewart left at this point and asked for the committee to consider other solutions. Whereas the committee can only recommend policy to the Selectmen, any answer this evening would not help the issue for the this Saturday, which is when he was looking to get rid of the items.

The committee discussed various options such as a one day pass allowed for each resident purchased annual pass, allowing one day passes for those that don't want an annual pass, and changing the price of the one day sticker. Some of the obstacles they discussed was someone verifying the sticker and a resident ID at the transfer station when they are already busy. How many one day passes do you allow and if each resident with an annual pass was allowed an additional one day pass, they would take the Town Clerk's office time to process and the employees at Kent Farm time to check. The annual stickers are by number, the license plate of the vehicle is not on the sticker, but on the permit paperwork instead. Mr. Kowalski noted that when he read the rules, he thought each time a one day pass is purchased an annual sticker is required. He suggested that be clarified so that people know only one annual permit needs to be purchased per year.

A motion was made by Mr. Kowalski to leave the current policy regarding one day passes in place and clarify the need for an annual sticker for the resident as well as the one day pass. There was a second by Ms. Cabral. The motion passed unanimously.

Updates

Ms. Cabral gave a few updates about the groups she had met with. She met with a Brownie troop and there were about 15 girls and things went well. She also met with the Garden Club which had about 35 people. They ended up discussing more on recycling than on composting, but it was still a good class.

She has an estimate for the flyers and it would \$953 for the committee and \$953 for the Library. There was a question if this included the postage. The format will be a 11 x 17 sheet folded together with the library insert, but separate sheets.

E. Cabral motioned to spend up to \$1,000 from the RAWD fund for the purpose of the flyers and postage. Mr. Nugent seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Ms. Cabral also mentioned that she set the dates with the library for classes in the fall. The summer was too soon and was getting booked up. Mr. Kowalski suggested that a survey be done by the RAWD committee as well. It is short notice to get it done for Monday, but it will get worked on. The library will be giving out a chance for Patriot tickets for participants in their survey and Mr. Nugent suggested that we offer a compost bin to a random participant. Everyone agreed on that.

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

NEXT MEETING

July 13, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Harrington,
Recording Secretary