

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

**PRESENT;** Ellen Cabral, R. Nugent, C. Kowalski, and P. Wentworth (Absent C. Cipriano)

Guests: P. Lindquist

**MINUTES**

The minutes from July 13, 2016 were approved by voice vote after a motion by C. Kowalski and a second by B. Nugent.

**Old Business**

Compost Classes- The August class had only 4 attendees. Mr. Kowalski noted that everyone that was there was able to get something out of the class. Mrs. Harrington reported that someone that was in that class recently purchased a compost bin. Ms. Cabral suggested that they still hold the September 20<sup>th</sup> class and then consider cancelling the October class if September is a low turnout. If the October one is cancelled, then the drawing will be held in September.

Survey- Ms. Cabral will check the survey and see if there are any results.

Casella Videos- Mr. Nugent said that he tried to reach out to Casella about videos recently. He actually watched about 6 of them that he accessed via the Casella website. There was discussion about having a link from the Town's website to the Casella site and post the link information on the Facebook page and also on the cable site. Mrs. Harrington will contact Casella to see what permissions are needed to use their videos.

Website- The website is updated and Ms. Cabral has been posting on Facebook for people to look at the website for information.

Composting- Mr. Nugent stated that he hasn't made it up to the Chester transfer station to see how the composting is working. Mrs. Harrington will contact them and see how the program is working and what they accept and what they do with the pile. Ms. Cabral will contact Principal Collins to see if there were any updates on the new food company at the Central School and if they would be interested in composting.

Ms. Cabral also mentioned that she heard from a resident that had 2 compost bins that they weren't using anymore and were interested in donating to the committee. Mr. Nugent stated that he would be able to pick up the two bins and see how they look. Ms. Cabral will give the resident Mr. Nugent's number. Mrs. Harrington suggested reaching out to the Garden Club to see if anyone wanted a compost bin but couldn't afford the price. It was suggested to wait and see what the bins look like and the shape they are in.

Kent Farm Transfer Station- There was discussion about having NRRA do a site visit to the transfer station. The busiest months are coming up and it was suggested to tell them Sept- Nov from 9 am to 1pm were the best times to observe. Mr. Wentworth stated that the best way to get people through there was to have the items in order of the transfer station. It would be good to add a map to the 2017 flyer that gets handed out with the sticker. Mrs. Harrington mentioned that Mr. Wentworth was in the office recently after reading an article in the Tri-Town News on the proposed cell tower. The article made it sound like the cell tower would be going near the brush pile. The understanding in the Selectmen's office is that the tower will access the area, but be on the hill away from the transfer station. It is also still in the fact finding time frame, but worth paying attention to.

## **New Business**

Tri Town News- Penny Williams asked Ms. Cabral for an article on recycling or any type of story they would like to submit for a future edition of the paper. Some suggestions were how to reduce trash, the issues with landfills, recycling numbers and composting. Ms. Cabral will write up something for Ms. Williams with the emphasis that Hampstead is doing a good job but that there were ways to tweak what is being done.

Yimbly Compost Tumbler- Mr. Kowalski asked about purchasing a compost bin for \$71 (on Amazon) to try out. This compost is small and compact and can be placed close to the house. There was a question at the compost class from someone in a condo asking what they could use. If this works, it could be recommended for those with no place to put a conventional compost bin.

Ms. Cabral motioned to spend up to \$100 to purchase the compost bin (Yimbly Tumbler) with the funds from the Recycling Account. The motion was seconded by P. Wentworth and passed unanimously.

Meeting Time-Mrs. Harrington asked if the committee would like to continue their meetings at the 7:30 time frame, or move it to 7:00. It was agreed to leave it at the 7:30 time for now.

**Motion to adjourn at 8:42 pm was made by Ms. Cabral and seconded by Mr. Kowalski and passed 4-0.**

## **NEXT MEETING**

**September 14, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Harrington,  
Recording Secretary