

**Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**September 14, 2016**

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

Guests: P. Lindquist

**MINUTES**

The minutes from August 10, 2016 were approved by voice vote after a motion by C. Kowalski and a second by B. Nugent.

**Old Business**

Compost Classes- The next class is scheduled for Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at 6:30 pm at the Hampstead Public Library. Ms. Cabral stated that this would be the last class for the composting and they would do the raffle that evening for the compost bin. She noted that the Cable Access channel will record the program so that it would be available for people to see on cable and or on the website ([www.meetinghousepark.org](http://www.meetinghousepark.org)). There should be a link from the RAWD website to the video. The class has been advertised on the Facebook page for the Recycling page and the Library has also advertised it.

Mr. Nugent did pick up the two compost bins that a resident was looking to get rid of. One is the Earth Machine, which is what is sold by the committee. He has them at his property and has sprayed them, but will clean them out. They will be available to residents that may not be able to afford one. This will be mentioned at the compost class in September. Mr. Nugent also noted that he had an extra Earth Machine as well so there are a total of three compost bins available. Mrs. Harrington mentioned that she discussed the possibility of the compost bins to Garden club members with a member of the Garden Club.

Ms. Cabral also stated that she has been in touch with Mr. Collins regarding the new food service company and composting. He stated that he would like for them to get used to what they need to do and can discuss composting down the road. She also updated the committee that the Central School needed 5 recycling bins for the classrooms and they have since been delivered

Survey-Ms. Cabral has not been able to access the account, but will follow up on it.

Website- There are some edits that will need to be completed along with the link to the new video when it is ready. Ms. Cabral will send that along to Mrs. Harrington.

Casella Videos- Casella has given permission for a link to some of their videos that are up on their You Tube Channel. There are some that are acceptable and will have the link added from the website to them.

Kent Farm Transfer Station- Ms. Cabral has been in touch with the NRRA and coming down on a weekend may be tough and they wondered if they could come down on a weekday and look at the set up. They also asked if there was a picture of the area that they could get. Mrs. Harrington will look and see if there is one around. Mr. Nugent updated the committee on the time he spent at the transfer station observing how it was working. He noted that he had been there for 30 minutes away from everyone could see him and observed. He noted that he saw 30 drop offs in the 30 minutes he was there and saw items dropped off such as a grill, toys, mattresses, couch, lawnmower, tv/electronics, beds, lawn chair, fencing and some nice end tables. He said if there was a swap shop some of those items that were too good to throw into packer and could have been swapped. Overall he said the process was working good and the guys were doing a good job. He had one comment regarding the possible need for a second person at the packer for when people go past and then back into the packer on the other side. The one he watched did

that and then unloaded a couch by himself. Most that it wouldn't be necessary whereas the one side should handle the flow. The gentleman that unloaded the couch probably had been directed there by one of the workers. The question was asked about C & D coming in. Mr. Wentworth said that small amounts, not the truck loads that they had seen in the past.

Compost Tumbler- Mr. Kowalski ordered the compost to try. It is due in next week and was \$65 with free shipping. He asked if he could also get what they call "compost starter" to see how that works. It is supposed to give a two week turnaround. Everyone agreed to get some and see how it works.

Household Hazardous Waste Day is in Chester on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 12 noon. Mrs. Harrington will contact them to see if they will need help. She also stated that she tried to reach them to talk about the compost pile and how it is working. The website shows that they are open on Saturday and one evening so she didn't reach them.

Mrs. Cipriano asked if there was something specific she should be doing or looking into. Ms. Cabral stated that the committee was pretty laid back and if there was something she was interested in she could look into it and bring it to the committee.

### **New Business**

Trash/Recycling Numbers- The current numbers for the curbside collection are showing consistent increases in the trash tonnage. The transfer station tonnage is down about 20 tons, but last year it was the fall that had high tons brought in.

Webinar Re: [Recycling Reimagined: Overcoming Today's Challenges](#)- Mr. Kowalski reported that he listened in on the webinar today and they discussed some of the issues with the resale of recyclables, contamination of recyclables and the future of contracts for curbside collection. He said that recycling was originally thought of as an income stream but the cost to pickup the recycling and to dispose of it is far greater than any income received. It is currently not known what the best process is for recycling but emphasized that he consumers need to be educated on how to recycle. The contamination rate is at about 16% and an example given is a pizza box with grease stains or a plastic bag thrown into collection. Other items they have seen is yard waste, styrofoam and textiles all thrown into the recycling containers. Once it happens, the whole lot is disposed of. The best rate they have seen on contamination is 4% but it is sometimes running as high as 45%-60%. Cardboard is currently down about 40%, glass needs to be sorted by color to determine its value, which is also down. Single sort recycling is still a better way to collect the recycling. Mr. Kowalski stated that they recommend that the community or committees determine what recycling they want to do to be profitable. Whereas Hampstead does not resell its recycling, it is not an issue for us, but come contract time, if the haulers are losing money on the recycling we will be looking at tipping fees to dispose of the recycling. Current rates for some places doing this now is running about \$47 per ton. We currently pay a flat fee for the collection of both trash and recycling, and then a tipping fee for the trash at \$76 per ton. This could be a huge impact to budgets.

Mr. Kowalski mentioned 5 different ways to contract with haulers:

1. Partnership (cost and action),
2. Service changes (i.e. 5 days to 4) or adaptations over the term of the contract.
3. Flat Rate increase over term of contract (what we currently do)
4. Commodity based index
5. Contamination fees

The webinar talked about composting as being a way to help reduce costs by getting some heavy weight out of the waste stream.

Newburyport Mass- Mrs. Harrington had forwarded to the committee the information on the curbside collection trial that Newburyport was doing. They are about a year into the program so

Ms. Cabral will try to reach out to them and see how it was going, what they are doing with compost and how much can the handler actual take.

Danville- Mrs. Harrington mentioned that she was looking up some information on the Town of Danville and recently saw that they were looking at a PAYT program. She knew that they were currently using an automated system so was wondering why the change. In looking into it, she saw that they were staying with the automated system put looking into only having bags, purchased with the town information being allowed into the toters. With the State of NH pushing PAYT programs, this may be the way things are looking down the road, a combination of the two programs.

Gmail account- Ms. Cabral mentioned that she has had a few questions sent to the gmail account that she has worked on getting resolved. One had to do with the large animal feed bags and another with fabric scraps. Mrs. Harrington suggested she ask the art teacher at the Central School, maybe it could be used for a project.

2017 Budget-Mrs. Harrington presented the 2016-2017 Budget season schedule along with a 5 year history of the budget and the actual expenses along with the revenue for the 5 years. The information will be sent via email to Mr. Kowalski to start working on the budget. She noted that Mr. Harms predicated no major work at the transfer station and asked that the 4 hour person be moved to 8 hours along with having to get certified.

**Motion to adjourn at 8:43 pm was made by Mr. Nugent and seconded by Mrs. Cipriano and passed 5-0.**

**NEXT MEETING**

**October 12, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Harrington,  
Recording Secretary