

Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2016

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

Guests: P. Williams

MINUTES

The minutes from September 14, 2016 were approved by voice vote after a motion by C. Kowalski and a second by E. Cabral.

Old Business

Compost Classes- The attendance was very low at the last compost class. Ms. Cabral did note that the presentation was recorded by the Cable Committee and is available to watch. She will get the link to the office so it can be accessed from the website and on Facebook.

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, and the Casella videos. Ms. Cabral will send that along to Mrs. Harrington and asked that the HHW flyer be put up on the website.

Curbside Composting- Newburyport MA- There are no updates as to how the program is doing. Members have tried to reach out and haven't been able to reach anyone. There was a number for Energy and Recycling office and they will try that contact.

Compost Tumbler- Mr. Kowalski submitted his receipt for reimbursement on the purchase of the Tumbler. He gave an update on the composter and reported that the smell hasn't been an issue. He stated that it did take about an hour to put it together and that he has had it up for about a month. Mrs. Cipriano asked if the survey asked how many people compost or if there was any idea as to how many people compost. It was not part of the survey and there is no real way to count how many may be composting.

Household Hazardous Waste Day is in Chester on Saturday, October 29th 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

Rehrig-Pacific-Mrs. Harrington reported that the recycling bins are due in soon and with shipping the cost is about \$1411.00. She also reported that in talking with Rehrig-Pacific they discussed toters and they sent three samples. The samples are at the Town Garage for the committee to look at and see the different sizes. The committee thought it would be worth getting an idea on the cost of purchasing toters so that when we went out for RFP in 2017 they could determine the better way to go. There was also the thought of seeing if there was any grant money available to help reduce any costs if we transition to a toter system.

R. Nugent- Mr. Nugent reported that he has the two bins from the resident that donated them. He has tried to reach the Garden Club but hasn't been able to reach a person. Ms. Cabral and Mrs. Harrington noted that there was someone interested in one of the compost bins and couldn't afford it and the number was in the office. If this person wasn't interested, Mr. Nugent asked if it was okay to pass it on to one of his campers. The committee had no issue with that. Mr. Nugent also mentioned that his campers talk about the various swap shops that they attend and emphasized that this would be good for Hampstead to look into. With Kent Farm only open 8 days a year there needed to be a more central location. There was some discussion about a location and it was discussed that the better more visible place would be the town garage. With the police using the driveway there it was not a good alternative. He noted that Chester has a shed that they use for storing swap shop items. Ms. Cabral will check it out when she is up there for the HHW day as well as looking at their compost area.

P. Wentworth- Mr. Wentworth noted that there are a lot of mattresses and box springs being brought into the transfer station. He questioned where they all keep coming from. He noted that they need to use one dumpster for them and they take up the whole thing.

Savers- Mrs. Harrington reported to the committee about the recent Town Wide Yard Sale. It was sponsored by the Town of Hampstead with Community Caregivers handling the yard sale. Savers came by at the end of the day and collected all the items that people brought to the one location that they didn't sell and Community Caregiver's received so much per weight of the items. They also had a 4 day collection at the store and anything that came in with Community Caregivers name was added to the amount of money Community Caregivers earned. It looks like they collected 15,247 pounds of items out of the waste stream. There was discussion about maybe helping Community Caregiver's next year if they were to hold a Town Wide Yard Sale again. The committee thought that earlier than October would be a good idea, maybe September. They agreed to wait and see how things move along and if Saver's would be sponsoring it again and if Community Caregiver's was interested in putting it together.

Transfer Station Permits- The Town Clerk's office asked if the committee would be interested in having stickers that need to have the actual license plate number written on the sticker. They had stated that the Recreation Commission was looking at moving in that direction. The issue with the transfer station permits is that they go in the front window and the recreation ones go in the back. The sample given was a much larger sticker and it wasn't sure how that would work. The committee asked to find out the cost difference and then they could decide in November.

2017 Budget- Mrs. Harrington reminded the committee that it is budget season and the budget needs to be put together. The first budget meeting was on October 5th. The committee can bring their budget forward at a Selectmen's meeting in November (the 14th or the 28th). Mrs. Harrington stated that they are seeing the potential for upwards of 20 new homes in 2017 to make sure they adjust for growth in town. The tonnage has been going up and there will need to be an adjustment for this as well. Mrs. Harrington will send the 2017 rates for Casella to Mr. Kowalski and he will put together a draft budget and send it to Ms. Cabral and Mrs. Harrington.

2017 HHW- Kingston- The Town of Kingston submitted a letter of commitment for the Town of Hampstead to participate in the 2017 HHW collection day in Kingston.

Proposed Cell Tower- Mrs. Harrington reported to the committee that the site plan came in for the proposed cell tower to be located at the transfer station. It states that the proposed tower would be situated right where the current burn pile is. Mr. Wentworth stated that it was too close to the lot line. If it needed to be the height of the tower plus 20 feet, it would be too short based on the location. The committee did not want the tower at that spot and wanted their concern noted.

Motion to adjourn at 8:54 pm was made by Mr. Kowalski and seconded by Ms. Cabral and passed 5-0.

NEXT MEETING

November 9, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Harrington,
Recording Secretary