

BURRILLVILLE RUBBISH AND RECYCLING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Place: Conference Room, JSM Library
Meeting Date: December 21, 2009
Meeting Time: 7:00 PM

Members Present:

Donald Fox, Chair	Wallace F. Lees, Town Council Liaison
Colleen Joubert, Chair	Christine Mulligan
Robyn Volpini, Secretary	John Michael Karmozyn Jr. Town Council Liaison

Members Absent:

Michael C. Wood, Town Manager	Greg Mislick
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Staff/Consultants Present:

None

Others:

None

Citizen Comment: None.

Call to order:

Donald Fox called meeting to order at 7:05pm

Unfinished Business to be considered and acted on:

Approval of Minutes:

Colleen Joubert made a motion to approve November 3rd meeting minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Donald Fox and the vote was unanimously approved.

Discussion/action relative to setting a regular meeting date, time and agenda deadline:

Christine Mulligan motioned to set the third Monday of each month as the regular meeting date for the Rubbish and Recycling Committee. Robyn Volpini seconded the motion and vote was unanimously approved. Colleen Joubert motioned to hold January and February meetings on the second Monday due to holiday and scheduling conflicts. Christine Mulligan seconded the motion and the vote was unanimously approved. Next regular meetings will be Monday, January 11, 2010 and Monday February 8, 2010.

Christine Mulligan motioned to set agenda deadline for 1 week before the next scheduled meeting. The motion was seconded by Colleen Joubert and unanimously approved.

Follow up from last meeting:

Don Fox called Dave Picozzi of Warwick Pubic Works, Warwick RI to inquire about recycling program and learned that Warwick RI has a chipper. They collect the towns' branches and end up using mulch for playgrounds and public buildings.

Robyn Volpini also learned that the town of Cumberland has a chipper but suspended the use of it due to finances.

Don will check out some preliminary prices for chippers.

Whipple Avenue Compost Facility Discussion:

The feasibility of the Compost facility becoming a transfer station was discussed because there seems to be adequate space for one. Abutters may have a problem with transfer station and ease of access to the facility.

Colleen discussed that a baseline would be important to know if No bin, No Barrel would be effective. New DPW Director could maybe find out stats for us on current recycling rates.

Discussion/action relative to alternative trash collection options:

The feasibility of incineration was discussed. Connecticut has the highest rate of incineration in the U.S.

Incentive-driven programs such as Recycle Bank were mentioned.

Automated pick-ups with special bins is another program option.

The town of Lincoln hauls their own trash, not outside contractor.

The town of North Smithfield- Recycling Coordinator is Donna Kaehler. They have No Bin, No Barrel implemented and a 2 bag limit.

Discussion/action relative to community education:

Colleen Joubert motioned to not print the recycling calendars, seconded by Christine Mulligan and unanimously approved. Instead of calendar, due to high cost, other options will be explored such as adding the rubbish and recycling information to the Bugle or the Bargain Buyer. Also, work on town website. Don will draft a memo to the town council.

New Business to be discussed and acted on:

Review of Coastal contract:

Christine Mulligan brought the Original contract to meeting. She will scan and put up on a shared file in order for each of us to review offline.

Review/discuss items for future meetings:

Education- Action Plan

Bidding Process-recommendations

Correspondence:

None.

Adjournment:

On a motion by Christine Mulligan and seconded by Robyn Volpini, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Minutes approved by:

Robyn Volpini
Robyn Volpini, Secretary

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Date:

Date filed with Town Clerk: _____