

## **BURRILLVILLE RUBBISH AND RECYCLING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Place: Conference Room, JSM Library  
Meeting Date: February 8, 2010  
Meeting Time: 7:00 PM

### **Members Present:**

Colleen Joubert, Chair	Christine Mulligan
Robyn Volpini, Secretary	Greg Mislick
Jeff McCormick, DPW Director	

### **Members Absent:**

Michael C. Wood, Town Manager	John Michael Karmozyn Jr. Town Council Liaison
Wallace F. Lees, Town Council Liaison	Donald Fox, Chair

### **Staff/Consultants Present:**

Sarah Kite, Director of Recycling Services, RIRRC

### **Others:**

None

### **Citizen Comment:** None.

1) Christine Mulligan made a motion to approve minutes. Motion was seconded by Greg Mislick and approved unanimously approved.

2) Discussion with Sarah Kite, Director of Recycling Services for RIRRC- Sarah ran the latest report for Burrillville rubbish and recycling and sent it to Jeff McCormick. She spoke to annual increases and decreases of recycling.

PAYT program was discussed. Sarah said that depending on how you were to price the bags, PAYT pays for itself and if implemented, it's important to stress what services could be cut back or lost if not implemented. And similar to utilities such as electric, you waste more, you pay more, waste less, you pay less.

Sarah spoke to future expansions/upgrades at RIRRC and said that plastic collections for numbers 3-7 are still a few years out but single-stream recycling may be coming up in as early as 2 years from now and because of this to make sure that the next hauler contract is only locked in for 2 years. At this point, once single-stream recycling is in place, we could move toward automated trucks where the trucks pick the bins up. The bins for automated program are more

expensive. Middletown uses them but at the time received a grant for them. There are currently no grants available through RIRRC.

Currently, the town does not collect recycling from businesses but Sarah suggested that we ask for an attachment for commercial pick up in our next contract.

Sarah suggests starting on the town ordinance for No Bin No Barrel.

**Unfinished Business to be considered and acted on:**

3) Review of follow up tasks from last meeting:

Jeff McCormick said that he would perform a survey throughout the town to get an idea of what our recycling rate is per household.

4) Correspondence from Town Clerk Louise R. Phaneuf regarding the Committee's recommendation relative to the recycling calendar and advertisements. Correspondence has been received and we are currently running ads in the Bargain Buyer in order to communicate important recycling information for residents.

5) Discussion of status of Recycling Coordinator position. Position is not filled yet but Jeff has two strong resumes that stand out. It was mentioned that Allison from the DPW may start attending these meetings.

6) Discussion of Committee attendance at RI League of Cities and Towns annual conference. The presentation Sarah gave on this day is on the Town of Burrillville 'web pages and documents' section of the Rubbish and Recycling website.

7) Discussion/action relative to Whipple Avenue Compost Facility. Sarah mentioned that if an expansion is ever done at this facility it could only serve to collect recyclables. It could not become a transfer station without proper permits in place by DEM.

8) Discussion/action relative to alternative trash collection options. See item number 2- Sarah Kites discussion above.

9) Discussion/action relative to community education. Per resident request, Robyn will look into collaborating with the Burrillville Farmers' Market.

**New Business to be considered and acted on:**

10) Communication/suggestions from residents.

It was decided by the committee that it is too late in the year to collect donations from the community to produce a recycling calendar this year.

Many of the suggestions about education and reaching out to residents regarding recycling will be discussed at a later date as education is a standing item on each agenda.

11) Review and discuss the items proposed for future meetings.

Start discussing town ordinance for recycling

Start to put information together as to what we will want in hauler contracts

Adjournment. On a motion by Christine Mulligan and seconded by Robyn Volpini, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28PM.

Minutes approved by:

Robyn Volpini  
Robyn Volpini, Secretary

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