

BURRILLVILLE RUBBISH AND RECYCLING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Place: Town Hall Annex, 144 Harrisville Main Street, Harrisville, RI
Meeting Date: April 18, 2011
Meeting Time: 7:00 PM

Members Present:

Colleen Joubert, Vice Chair
Robyn Volpini, Secretary
Christine Mulligan

Andrea Hall, Recycling Coordinator
David Place, Town Council Liaison
Steve Rawson, Town Council Liaison

Other Members Present: None

Members Absent:

None

Public Comment: John DiMello came to find out the direction the town was taking with regards to consolidating towns' garbage and to pick up of white goods.

- 1) That the question of approving minutes of the regular meeting of the Burrillville Rubbish and Recycling Committee held on March 21, 2011 and the question of dispensing with the reading of said minutes; be now taken up. Christine Mulligan motioned to approve minutes. Motion was seconded by Robyn Volpini and unanimously approved.

New Business to be considered and acted on:

- 2) Discussion/action relative to performance of Coastal Recycling. According to Andrea Hall, performance is about the same since last month. Coastal still has not gotten GPS installed into the trucks as agreed to. Steve Rawson recently picked up a new recycling bin on a town street which was cracked. Also, he observed that the Park Place residents aren't putting out bins. David Place spoke with a couple of the Coastal drivers, and they said they are having trouble with their trucks breaking down.
- 3) Review of Monthly statistics. Recycling rate last month was a little lower than last year in March.
- 4) Discussion of efforts to consolidate waste disposal contracts with neighboring communities. There are 2 meetings coming up in Smithfield regarding this. One is on April 27 at 2pm, Sarah Kite will be speaking. Another is May 25, at 2pm, this will be presentation from WasteZero.
- 5) Discussion/action relative to Recycle Bank. Received and filed. Colleen Joubert will gather more information and report back.

- 6) Discussion of status of legislation relative to allowing an incinerator in Woonsocket. There is nothing to discuss as the legislation failed.
- 7) Discussion/ action regarding changing the meeting schedule. Christine Mulligan made a motion to change our regular meetings to the fourth Monday of each month at 6:30pm. Robyn Volpini seconded and all approved.

Unfinished Business to be considered and acted on:

- 8) Discussion/action relative to appointment of a new Committee member. David Place said that an ad will be put in the Bargain Buyer looking for candidates.
- 9) Discussion of the feasibility of converting to in-house refuse/white goods pickup. There are scrap metal collectors in Johnston, RI and also one in Putnam, CT.
- 10) Discussion/action relative to a Pay-as-You-Throw program. Nothing new discussed.
- 11) Discussion/action relative to hosting a shredding/recycling event and sponsoring field trips to RIRRC. Andrea Hall said that Laurie Low from Burrillville Farmers' Market will work on a date for the shred it event at the Farmers' Market. Andrea Hall is working on coordinating dates with the schools for field trips to the RIRRC (all schools but Steere Farm Elementary).
- 12) Discussion/action relative to community outreach:
 - a). Farmers' Market. Our committee will plan to have a presence at every 2nd Saturday Farmers' Market.
 - b). Schools. Andrea Hall went to many of the schools and did Earth Day crafts with students.
 - c). Earth Day Cleanup. Keep America Beautiful didn't supply as many bags/ gloves as we were hoping for, according to Andrea Hall. So the Lions club may help to supply more.
- 13) Discussion/action relative to involving other entities in recycling effort
 - a). Small businesses- Christine Mulligan performed some research on glass recycling and found that there is no market for green glass. She also found a company in Franklin, MA that does glass recycling. Robyn Volpini will look into this company more and report back her findings. Andrea Hall said that according to RI law, businesses are supposed to be recycling, however it is not enforced. Andrea Hall is looking into getting a cardboard dumpster centrally located so residents can use it too.
 - b). Levy Rink- no update.
 - c). Spring Lake- no update.
- 14) Review and discuss the items proposed for future meetings. Cardboard dumpster, recycle bank, glass recycling.

15) Adjournment. Meeting was adjourned at 8:48pm. It was motioned by Christine Mulligan, seconded by Robyn Volpini and approved unanimously.

Minutes approved by:

Robyn Volpini
Robyn Volpini, Secretary

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Date:

Date filed with Town Clerk: _____