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SPECIAL MEETING of the Burrillville Rubbish and Recycling Committee to be held Monday, March 4, 2013, at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall Annex, 144 Harrisville Main Street, Harrisville, RI.

Members Present: Robyn Volpini, Chair; Colleen Joubert, Vice Chair; Cynthia Carlozzi; Director of Public Works or designee; Town Manager or designee.

Other Members Present:

Members Absent:

The purpose of the special meeting is consideration, discussion and action relative to:

- Drafting a letter of support to Town Administration regarding condo/multi-family/business recycling programs and collection bins in public areas.
- Review/action relative to letter to Town Council seeking funding for Big Belly Solar Compactors.
- Discussion/action on the Committee's direction and role in assisting the Recycling Coordinator with her efforts.

Adjournment

The Town of Burrillville will provide accommodations needed to ensure equal participation. Please contact the Burrillville Town Clerk at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting so arrangements can be made to provide such assistance at no cost to the person requesting it. A request for this service can be made in writing or by calling (401) 568-4300 (voice) or "via RI Relay 1-800-745-5555" (TTY).

MEMO

TO: Burrillville Town Council
FROM: Burrillville Rubbish and Recycling Committee
SUBJECT: Allocation of Recycling Funds towards the Purchase of Big Belly Solar Compactors
DATE: February 22, 2013
CC: John Mainville, Finance Director, Michael Wood, Town Manager, Louise Phaneuf, Town Clerk

The Rubbish and Recycling Committee is applying for a grant from Lowe's (Charitable and Educational Foundation)/Keep America Beautiful Community Improvement Spotlight for \$20,000 toward the purchase of 5 Big Belly Solar Compactors. The minimum purchase is 5 units for a total of \$29,000.

The Committee is also applying for a Public Space Recycling Grant from Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation (RIRRC) for the amount of \$5,000 to help reach the \$29,000 total cost of the units. Our current contract with RIRRC requires profit share monies to be used towards the enhancement of the Town's Recycling Program.

Therefore the Committee is requesting that \$9,000 be allocated from the recycling funds in order to cover the remaining cost of the solar compactors if we are awarded the \$20,000 Lowes grant. In the event that we are also awarded RIRRC's \$5,000 Public Space Recycling Grant, we are requesting instead that \$6,500 be allocated from the recycling funds because the RIRRC grant requires matching funds from the Town.

The 5 locations being considered for the Big Belly Solar Compactors are the following:

- Tarkiln Pond
- Center of Bike Path
- Branch River Park
- Freedom Park
- Hauser Field Complex

Currently there are no recycling options at these locations and there is no trash or recycling option in place at the Bike Path.

Benefits of the Big Belly Solar Compactors include the following:

- Litter Reduction
- Reduction of manpower to empty receptacles
- Reduction of emissions as a result of being emptied less often
- Keeping Burrillville Beautiful and preserving the natural beauty of our parks

- Designed to keep out critters and reduce odors

The [Big Belly Solar Compactors](http://bigbellysolar.com/) are quickly gaining popularity in municipalities across America. Several cities and towns near Burrillville currently have these compactors including Newport, Foxboro, and Boston. Further information about the Compactors can be found at <http://bigbellysolar.com/>.

Regards,

Robyn Volpini, Rubbish and Recycling Committee Chair