

**Hampstead Solid Waste Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
March 10, 2010

The meeting began at 7:30 p.m. The members who were present: Mr. Pat Bracken, Mr. Robert Nugent, Mr. Robert Golden, Ms. Ellen Cabral, and Selectman Lindquist

Visitors: P. Williams, Selectman Stewart, Mr. Fernandez (Starwood Dr.), C. Kowalski (interested in being a member)

**MINUTES**

Minutes of February 11, 2010 were reviewed.

**Mr. Nugent made a MOTION to accept the minutes of February 11, 2010.**

**Mr. Golden seconded the motion.**

**VOTE: 3-0-0 (Ms. Cabral arrived afterwards)**

**Motion Passes**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Resident Comment- Mr. Fernandez asked to speak to the committee. He had a concern with the process. He stated that the vote of the residents on March 9, 2010 made it clear their thoughts on Pay as you throw. He stated that just because it works in other communities does not mean it will work in Hampstead. He stated that he recycles everything he can. He asked the committee to think outside the box. In the Town of Saugus Massachusetts they reward residents for recycling. They could shame those that don't recycle and the education process could be geared to those that don't recycle. He believes that people that don't recycle are just being lazy but the system to use should charge those that don't recycle, not those that do. He also believed that a PAYT system would create illegal dumping. Mr. Bracken explained that Raymond had an issue at the start of the program, but addressed it quickly and have had no further issues. They had an ordinance in place that was enforced with the police department. Mr. Bracken mentioned there are programs that the people that recycle get a coupon. Mr. Nugent suggested that we look into the system that Saugus has. They are a large community but it should be looked at.

Selectman Stewart stated that his wife told him about her boss who lives in Exeter which has PAYT and her boss thinks it is a terrific system. It was stated that they start paying with the second bag and now have single stream recycling. Selectman Stewart asked about having the Kent Farm Facility open more often. Mr. Bracken wondered how to motivate those that don't recycle. A logo was suggested such as the "enjoy our town signs". Mr. Kowalski felt that it was an additional tax. He suggested finding a way to show that it is saving taxes. Mr. Golden suggested that taking the solid waste budget out of the whole budget would be an option. Mr. Kowalski asked if there was a way to show how much each home recycles. It was noted that it would be very labor intensive to do that. Mr. Kowalski suggested rewarding the resident for recycling- better to do with positives than negatives or punishment. Selectman Lindquist stated that some people do other forms of recycling such as composting and how would that be addressed. A suggestion was bar codes on the bags. Mr. Bracken wondered if there was a co-op of towns that share the same company, to share costs.

Mr. Bracken stated that he heard through their meetings that a lot of people wanted the first bag free, that they felt PAYT is an additional tax, and that the article on the warrant was determining what would happen after the vote (PAYT would start or not). He stated that one resident said that the seniors would go along with a PAYT system as long as the first bag was free.

It was noted that more people were taking bins since the newsletter went out so the education process may be working and hopefully there will be an increase in the recycling.

Mr. Kowalski asked how events were publicized in town. Currently it is announced at meetings, on the website, on cable, at the town garage, sign out front and the newspaper. He stated that it needs to be in places to get peoples attention. A thought was sandwich boards and a "Got bins" campaign.

Compost Bins- Mr. Nugent stated that the NRRA is offering bins at a cost of \$42.00 per bin. It was agreed to purchase 10 at \$420 and make them available to the public.

**Mr. Nugent made a MOTION to purchase 10 compost bins.**

**Mr. Golden seconded the motion.**

**VOTE: 4-0-0**

**Motion Passes**

#### **Recycling Bins-**

The current supply is dwindling quickly. Mrs. Harrington has a quote for 300 18-gallon bins at \$3.50 each plus \$417.00 for shipping. Total is \$2,367.00

**Ms. Cabral made a MOTION to purchase recycling bins.**

**Mr. Golden seconded the motion.**

**VOTE: 4-0-0**

**Motion Passes**

Mr. Kowalski was told to email Selectman Lindquist if he is interested in being appointed.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Ms. Cabral made a MOTION to adjourn.**

**Mr. Bracken SECONDS the motion.**

**VOTE: 4-0-0**

**MOTION PASSES**

The meeting ended at 9:10 p.m.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

**April 14, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Harrington,  
Recording Secretary