

Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee

Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2011

PRESENT: Pat Bracken, Chairman, Ellen Cabral, Bob Nugent, Chris Kowalski, Bob Golden

Guests: Selectman Lindquist, Penny William, Lori Collins (HMS), Chad Pimental (HMS), Kelly Pearson (NRRA)

MINUTES

There was a motion to approve the minutes of February 9, 2011 as amended.

Mr. Golden made a MOTION to accept the minutes of February 9, 2011

Mr. Nugent seconded the motion.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Motion Passes

OLD BUSINESS

Education Program/HMS Project

Chairman Bracken thanked those present tonight from the Hampstead Middle School and the NRRA. He explained that the committee has been discussing a video program with the school to help increase recycling. Mr. Bracken spoke with Mrs. Wolfe at HMS.

Mr. Pimental stated that he has started working on the project to persuade the town why they should recycle. There is a new group that starts next Monday and is in the class for 30 days, which are 6th graders. He will start the program with that class whereas they will have more time to create something. There will be text and speaking over. He stated that any material that could be provided to them would be helpful. The NRRA could also provide overall information. Ms. Pearson stated that if the kids are given a few goals they will roll with the idea. Mr. Pimental asked if they wanted to keep it more on a local level and the answer was yes. Ms. Pearson suggested that the process could be shown and where it goes. She had some material she could provide them with to get started. Mr. Nugent explained that the committee's goal was to promote the single stream and how it works, especially where it is new to people. The full cycle of the process would be helpful.

Mr. Golden stated that he recently visited a Casella site in Charlestown Mass that was a sorting location and it is very interesting to watch. He stated that Casella has announced recycling rates in the 30-40% range in communities in Northern Massachusetts that have single stream and that Casella had a video on their website about single stream.

Ms. Pearson stated that there were a few links on the NRRA web page showing the process. Mr. Bracken asked if that could be used for the school. Ms. Pearson did not believe they could, because of copyright issues, but it would give them a good idea. The committee discussed different things the kids could do such as become a piece of recycling. Mr. Nugent noted that there is a misconception regarding single stream. The trash is not combined with the recycling, just the various types of recycling are combined.

Mr. Pimental explained that there are about 21-22 students per class and they could split up and give different types of presentations. They committee discussed prizes/awards with Ms. Collins and Mr. Pimental. It was stated that the best ones are the gift cards to Best B

uy or I-Tunes or Apple Store for example. Also there should be three places (1st, 2nd, 3rd) in two groups, one for the sixth grade class and one for the 5th grade class. First could be \$75, second at \$50 and third at \$25. There will be individual pieces even though the groups will make the movies. The final outcome is individual. They will need to write the script, decide who is in it and produce it. Ms. Collins asked about the judging criteria and if the committee would be the judges. She stated that she would upload the videos and the committee could review them and decide the outcome. The winners could be aired on the school and town channels. Mr. Bracken asked Mr. Pimental

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what they would need from the committee. He stated that they would need the guidelines and statistics. Ms. Collins stated that they are currently working on paper recycling so those numbers would be helpful. The discussion ended with Mr. Pimental getting the project rolling. He will contact Ms. Pearson at the NRRA for information. Mr. Nugent asked Ms. Pearson if any other schools have taken on such a project. She replied that many have tried, but no one has completed one yet.

NEW BUSINESS

2011 Flyer- Ms. Cabral had a draft flyer available for everyone to review and edit. Mr. Nugent submitted a draft that his wife did, which incorporated some animation. Ms. Cabral stated that there were a couple of questions still outstanding such as bottle caps on or off and whether or not pots and pans are for curbside recycling. The other question is the size of the barrel allowed for trash and if one used for recycling. For recycling it was believed to be a 30 gallon barrel. There was also a question on water softener bags and if they were recyclable. This will be checked out.

It was agreed that plastics are 1-7 with caps off. Latex paint is not recyclable, but can go in trash when dried out. The food pantries use egg containers to break up a dozen into smaller amounts. There was a clarification on the Kent Farm Transfer Station regarding yard waste to be made to the flyer. Mrs. Harrington will get the stickers for the bulk items to be picked up curbside. It was determined that the start date for single stream recycling will be March 28th, 2011. That gives the committee two weeks to get the flyer printed and mailed and everything in place for the residents. The website needs to be updated with the new information and ready to go as well. The cost for the mailing is \$.15 for 4000 for a total of \$600 plus postage.

Recycling Bins- Mrs. Harrington asked for a motion to purchase the recycling bins. There are 300 18-gallon bins for a total of \$2,670.00 plus shipping. The committee asked to see if there were other options before placing the order, such as purchasing from the NRRA or asking that shipping be shared with anyone else getting a delivery in the area.

Mr. Nugent made a MOTION to authorize the purchase

Ms. Cabral SECONDS the motion

VOTE 5-0-0

MOTION PASSES

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bracken made a MOTION to adjourn.

Ms. Cabral SECONDS the motion.

VOTE: 4-0-0

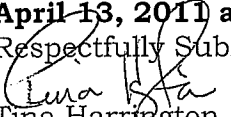
MOTION PASSES

The meeting ended at 915 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

April 13, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Tina Harrington,
Recording Secretary