

Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee

Meeting Minutes November 9, 2011

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

Guests: Priscilla Lindquist (Liaison), Penny Williams (Tri Towne News)

Chairman Bracken opened the meeting.

New Business

2012 Budget-In reviewing the budget for 2012, it was agreed to purchase recycling bins and 15 compost bins with the 2011 budget. Mrs. Harrington will check with S. Harms to make sure there is room to store them. She will also check with him to see what plans they have for the Kent Farm transfer station. It was noted that the employees working there need to have some place to get out of the elements (rain, sun) and to have a porta-potty available. Those items would come from site maintenance. With the change in the curbside pick up and tipping fees, there is a significant decrease in the 2012 budget. The budget will be presented to the Selectmen on Monday November 14th.

Recycle Bank-E. Cabral explained that Recycle Bank is running a grant program that one community in each of the 50 states will be chosen. Each of the winners will participate for two years in the program at no cost. There is also one grand winner for a \$100,000 green community project. The coordinator can make the next Selectmen's meeting to explain the grant. The grant application needs to be approved by the Selectmen. In talking with the coordinator, there isn't anyone in New Hampshire that has contacted him yet so we might have a good chance.

The committee reviewed the paperwork explaining the program. The resident would be able to log in by computer or call in to state that they recycled that week. It is a voluntary process. The total for the town on a monthly basis would be broken out by the number of households that could be recycling and each portion would receive an equal share of that amount. The points earned are redeemed for gift certificates and discounts from restaurants and stores. There was some concern with how the information would be used regarding peoples email addresses and mailing addresses. Mrs. Cabral will call some of the references to see if there were any issues for their residents. The paperwork states that they will not sell the email addresses and that they respect the confidentiality of the information.

The program would be a good program because it will reward people that recycle.

There was some discussion on reducing the number of barrels or bags that are allowed to be picked up curbside. No decisions have been made.

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm

NEXT MEETING

December 14, at 7:30 p.m

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Harrington,
Recording Secretary