

Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee

Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2011

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

Guests: Selectman Lindquist, Penny William (Tri Town News)

MINUTES

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

Mr. Kowalski made a MOTION to accept the minutes of March 9, 2011

Mr. Golden seconded the motion.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Motion Passes

OLD BUSINESS

*Single Stream-*Ms. Williams asked if there had been any reaction to the change over to Single Stream Recycling. Mrs. Harrington stated that one person came in and stated that they will now recycle whereas it is single stream, other than that no comments. Mr. Bracken stated that he had only seen one question as to why apartments are not picked up for recycling.

Mr. Golden talked about the experience he had at the Casella site in Massachusetts that processes recycling. He stated that it is a "zero sorting" facility. Mr. Bracken stated that he had seen the same truck picking up the recycling and thought a different truck was going to be used. Ms. Cabral replied that the committee was told there would be a separate truck for the sorting. It was suggested that Bestway be contacted and asked.

Business/Apartments and recycling options- It was agreed to discuss options for others to be able to recycle. The Committee has always held that if it is business, the Town could not tell them who to do business with or mandate recycling. The Committee has offered to help business owners talk with Bestway about getting recycling. Mr. Nugent stated that he has contracted with Casella for a 10 yard container that will be on his property for single stream recycling at the cost of \$45 per month. He was referred from Pinkerton Academy and we could refer businesses to Casella. Selectman Lindquist suggested a recycling container outside the Kent Farm facility. Mr. Nugent suggested a convenient spot that the contractor can pick up from. Mr. Nugent suggested that he could go to a few of the business meetings held at the library and mention to them what he is doing and suggest that maybe a few together could share the cost. Overall if they recycle they will be paying less in the trash tipping fees. It was suggested that Mrs. Harrington talk with Bestway about the concept of putting a container at the Town Garage for recycling for those that don't have it. Mr. Nugent stated that a 10 yard one would be good for now and then see how often it requires emptying. Mr. Bracken was concerned that the dumpster would need to be covered. Mr. Nugent responded that it is.

NRRA- The annual conference is coming up on June 6th and June 7th. There is a discount registration until May 15th. Mr. Nugent and Ms. Cabral are interested in attending.

Planet Aid- Mr. Nugent explained the Planet Aid process. There are currently 2 containers in town, one on Emerson Avenue and one on Hazel Drive. If the Town sponsored a container they would receive 2 cents per pound of clothing collected (clothing; shoes, leather goods, etc). The clothing is collected and sent over to poorer countries. Selectman Lindquist was concerned with stuff being left outside the containers like she sees at the one on Emerson Avenue. Someone asked if there

were any organizations that pick up clothing and someone responded that Big Brothers/Big Sisters does.

Website- Ms.Cabral stated that the website has been updated with the newest information.

NEW BUSINESS

Correspondence- Mr. Bracken stated that he had received an email from David Wojichowski of Partridge Lane that has shown interest in joining. Mr. Bracken will get in touch with him.

Mr. Nugent made a MOTION to authorize the purchase

Ms. Cabral SECONDS the motion

VOTE 5-0-0

MOTION PASSES

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kowalski made a MOTION to adjourn.

Mr. Bracken SECONDS the motion.

VOTE: 5-0-0

MOTION PASSES

The meeting ended at 8:55 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

May 11, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

Future Agenda- Start preparing RFP's

Respectfully Submitted,



Tina Harrington,
Recording Secretary