

Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2012

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

Chairman Bracken opened the meeting.

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

OLD Business

Mr. Bracken spoke with Mr. Queens at Bestway regarding an issue that a resident of Linden Drive brought forward. The resident complained that the recycling truck driver told them that Hampstead was not co-mingling (single stream) the recycling. Mr. Queens reported that he did have some temporary drivers, but that he would speak to them to make sure they are given out the correct information.

MINUTES

There was a motion to approve the minutes of Dec. 14, 2011 as written.

Mr. Nugent made a MOTION to accept the minutes of Dec. 14, 2011

Mr. Golden seconded the motion.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Motion Passes

New Business

Recycling- Mr. Bracken was wondering if it was worthwhile to look into barrels for recycling that could be sold to residents at a discount. The current practice with Bestway allows residents to use barrels for the recycling as long as the barrel is marked for recycling. They have provided the town with bumper stickers to place on the barrels. The stickers are available at the town office. There was also discussion on maybe working with East Coast Lumber to have them stock the barrel and refer residents to their location to purchase. Mr. Nugent had a contact there and would look into it. While the meeting was ongoing some of the members were able to locate some barrels and there costs which were running from \$89 to \$119 per barrel.

2012 Budget-

Recycle Bank- No updates at this time. According to Ms. Cabral, the process with the other states is still ongoing. She is hopeful that there should be some information for the next meeting. She also thought it would be good to start working on the flyer for 2012.

Got Books- Mr. Nugent showed a flyer showing that it was possible to have a book drive to raise money from Got Books. Mrs. Harrington noted that the container at the garage needs to be checked to see if a pick up is needed.

Misc. The committee noted that it is moving forward. The budget for 2012 is a good one, the recycling numbers for December were up 3% and the Recyclebank program should be a good incentive to get the numbers up more.

Selectman Lindquist had a student ask her what happens to the Hampstead trash. As of January 1st, the trash is going to Coventa in Haverhill, MA, which is an incinerator. To the best of our knowledge the recycling is going to Hooksett.

Mr. Golden passed information to the rest of the committee on the recommendation from NH DES on how to dispose of household sharps. The committee would like to see a link to the information. The recommendation is to dispose of the needles in a rigid puncture proof container

such as a laundry container and to seal them and label them. There are then a few ways to dispose of them listed on the website.

There were discussions on disposal of microwaves, the incandescent bulbs and CFL bulbs.

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm

NEXT MEETING

February 8, 2012 at 7:30 p.m

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Harrington,
Recording Secretary