

Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2012

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

Chairman Bracken opened the meeting.

Guests: P. Williams (Tri Town News)

MINUTES

Minutes of July 11, 2012 were accepted as written. In August there was no quorum and no minutes to approve.

New Business

Allied Recycling- Mr. Nugent went up to the facility in Hooksett to see how they were handling single stream recycling. What he found out is they are not doing it there, but sending it out to another location that actually does the sorting. Bestway collects it curbside then takes it to Allied who then sends it to a third vendor. The man he spoke with at Allied said that all rigid plastic is good stamped or not. Mrs. Harrington mentioned to the members present that she heard from Bestway that there have been some months lately that they have had to pay to dispose of the recycling because the market has not been good. Mr. Nugent meant to bring the yellow sheet to show the other members the current prices of the recyclables. Mr. Nugent also spoke to the contamination and the effect it is having on the quality of the recycling coming out. Styrofoam is one issue but sheet plastic is another. Plastic wrap and plastic bags are not recyclable and they get stuck on the trammel machine. Mr. Bracken asked about the big plastics bags such as those that hold wood pellets or water softener salt in it.

Recyclebank-It was recommended that the public still needs to be prompted and a flyer was suggested. The flyer can be distributed in the Town Office, library some local businesses as well as to the schools. Mr. Bracken asked if we knew how local businesses could participate in Recyclebank (such as for coupons etc). Ms. Cabral stated that she would look into it.

Election Day- It was suggested to see if Neil Reardon, Town Moderator, would allow the committee to set up a table with information to reach the public. Mrs. Harrington will check with him and will also check the inventory of the recycling bins.

2013 Budget- It is budget time and Mr. Bracken will do a draft budget and send to the members. It was decided to move the next meeting from October 10th (which is the night of the budget meeting) to Wednesday October 3rd same time. This will give the committee time to review the budget.

Meeting Room Change- Mrs. Harrington explained that the Cable Committee asked to use the downstairs meeting room to enable all of their members to attend the meeting. They asked if the RAWD committee would meet upstairs every month now. Mr. Bracken will send out an email to all the members to make them aware of the change.

New Members- It was discussed again about a way to get new members. Mr. Bracken previously mentioned that maybe there could be a volunteer night along with a few other organizations that are looking for members.

Mr. Bracken stated that he had been approached by a group in town that was interested in putting out a container to collect aluminum and Mr. Bracken was wondering what the impact would be to our recycling numbers if the group collected the cans instead of going into towns curbside collection.

Next Agenda-

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm

NEXT MEETING

October 3, 2012 at 7:30 p.m

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Harrington,

Recording Secretary