

Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2012

PRESENT: Pat Bracken, Chairman, Bob Nugent, Ellen Cabral, Chris Kowalski,
Chairman Bracken opened the meeting.
Guests: P. Williams (Tri Town News), Selectman Liaison, Priscilla Lindquist

MINUTES

The minutes of October 3rd were accepted with the amendments to add the Old Business regarding Recyclebank. Motion by C. Kowalski with a second by B.Nugent.

New Business

Bob Golden- The Committee acknowledged the passing of member Bob Golden suddenly. The Committee agreed to take up a collection to submit to the Derry Friendship Center in his memory. Mrs. Harrington will send a note with the donation.

Recycling- The current statistics show that the month of October the recycling rate is at 27%. IT was noted that this is a savings overall of about 150 tons and Ms. Cabral wondered if there was some way to show the residents what the 150 tons would equal. Ms. Cabral asked if a push could be made to get people to be aware that they could still join Recyclebank. Hampstead was ranked at #5 for the month of October so we are still in the running for the \$100,000 grant. The Tri Towne news will put in an article that people can still join in the contact information. It should also be noted at the next meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

Recycle Bins- Mrs. Harrington noted that the order should go in this year whereas there is less than 50 at the garage.

Household Hazardous Waste Day, Kingston- Mr. Bracken and Mr. Nugent represented Hampstead at the fall collection in Kingston. They stated that it was busy the first hour or so and then quieted down. They were surprised that they took car batteries at the collection because it was not on the list of acceptable items.

Mr. Nugent talked about a German study that shows how many people actually recycle that compact fluorescent lights. Europe does not allow the incandescent lights and it looks like only about 10% of the population actually disposes of the fluorescent lights correctly and they contain a small amount of mercury in them. He also stated that he didn't know how much was being collected at the garage. The LED lights are more cost effective over the long run.

Chester Swap Shop- Ms. Cabral stated that she had been given an invitation to attend the anniversary of the swap shop in Chester recently and she attended. She explained that they are very meticulous about where items go and find a way to reuse many items such as egg cartons are there available for people with chickens to take. Selectman Lindquist stated that he daughter's town also has one in Milford. It was noted that a swap shop is more effective when people are bringing their trash to the same location. Mr. Nugent stated that he does a swap shop at the campground and would like to see one at the transfer station.

Old Business-

2013 Budget- The Committee went over the 2013 budget again. Mr. Bracken explained that he had been waiting to complete the site maintenance line item. The cost of the porta potty is \$80 per month along with about \$32 per month electric bill on the compactor. That is about \$1,344 for those two items. Mr. Nugent was able to donate a trailer for the workers to use but they would like to have electricity in it. Mr. Harms is supposed to be getting an estimated cost to do it and may try to get it in this year. There was also some discussion about possible maintenance

on the backhoe and if it could get down between October and November. If not, both of these items may have to be added to the 2013 budget. Mr. Nugent noted that they may want to get a pitched roof on the trailer and that he has the wood to donate but roof shingles would be needed. The committee agreed to fund the line for site maintenance at \$2,025.00.

Mrs. Harrington asked that they look at the line for Household Hazardous Waste. She previously told the committee the line could be reduced but received a bill from the Town of Plaistow this week in the amount of \$2,880 which is more than what the 2013 budget would be. Plaistow hosts the collection each spring and does not have grant money for it. It was agreed to add \$1,000 to the budget for 2013 and budget \$4,000. Mrs. Harrington was asked to see if she could get the fall collection in Kingston paid in 2012. The committee reviewed the fuel surcharge and what has been spent year to date. They have been budgeting for \$10,000 and only about \$800 was spent so far this year. Bestway Disposal currently does about 15000 gallons of diesel fuel a year. If the cost were to go to \$5 in 2013, that could cost the Town of Hampstead about \$11,000. Everyone agreed that not knowing where prices were going and with the election over, it was safer to leave the funds in the budget. There was discussion about the amount of fuel used and the pollution put out by the trucks. Mr. Nugent stated that one needed to analyze the complete picture and Mr. Kowalski noted that as a whole we are making progress because dangerous chemicals such as dioxins and lead paint are not available anymore.

It was also discussed that the Town of Brookline, Massachusetts just passed an ordinance banning Styrofoam use in the community (restaurants etc). Mrs. Harrington noted that a few years back a resident called asking how they could have Hampstead do the same thing. She responded to the resident to do a petition. Ms. Cabral asked how we could ban Styrofoam. Selectman Lindquist explained that she could go through the petition process to get it on the ballot or ask the Selectmen to put it forward on the ballot. Mr. Bracken will make the changes to the budget and send it out to the members prior to the Budget meeting.

Future Agenda- Ordinances

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 pm

NEXT MEETING

December 12, 2012 at 7:30 p.m

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Harrington,
Recording Secretary