

**Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 8, 2013**

PRESENT: Pat Bracken, Chairman, Bob Nugent, Chris Kowalski, E. Cabral
Chairman Bracken opened the meeting.
Guests: P. Williams (Tri Town News), Peter Lachappelle, Waste Management

MINUTES

Motion was made by R. Nugent to accept the minutes of April 10, 2013 as amended (page 2 add 15 gallon bag and correct spelling of barrel, add Hampstead to schools). C. Kowalski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Nugent noted that he had not followed up on the Planet Aid container, but he will get in touch with the Highway Department.

It was discussed that a flyer could be prepared to send home with the Central School kids at the end of the school year- a tip sheet.

RFP for the transfer station is up at the end of 2013. A copy of the last proposal was handed out for all to review. Mrs. Harrington noted that the curbside bulk pick up should also be expiring at the end of 2013. The contract was awarded in 2010 for three years. It was suggested that this should coincide with the curbside trash/recycling contract and contact should be made with Bestway to see if they would look at an extension. The committee agreed to move toward an extension on the curbside bulk pick up and to put the bulk pick up at Kent Farm out to bid in the summer after reviewing the proposal. There was also discussion about sheet plastic and plastic bags and larger plastic items such as chairs or kiddie pools and whether or not the items are recyclable. Some of them have the recycling symbol on the bottom. Mr. Nugent and Mr. Lachappelle both stated that sheet plastic is not done curbside and the plastic bags are better off being recycled at a store than curbside. Mr. Kowalski suggested that freecycle be used for large items. Mr. Bracken stated that understands what Mr. Nugent has been trying to do regarding a swap shop at the transfer station. Ms. Cabral will get clarification on what to do with those items and update a flyer. She will contact Casella and get in touch with the educational person that Mr. Marcoux spoke about at the last meeting to see if they could put the information together.

NRRA-The conference is Monday, June 4th and Tuesday, June 5th. Mr. Nugent will attend on Monday and Mrs. Harrington will sign up for Tuesday to get the discount. If any of the members can attend, the name for Tuesday can be changed. Mr. Nugent explained some of the programs scheduled.

New Business

Mr. Lachappelle was asked if he wanted to speak. He thanked the committee and went over how the education component is very important to get the recycling numbers up. Composting is important and a compost 101 class would get people interested. Recycling and composting are ways to divert trash from the waste stream and help reduce the weights. He also noted tighter controls or limits are a mechanism to push recycling. The Committee members asked about the Cart system or totes as they are also called. He explained that there are two carts given, with the larger of the two being a recycling one (96 gallon). This would allow people to recycle more and to even go to every other week recycling. He explained that the process with the totes is catered to what the community wants. It can still mix and match. The ultimate way to reduce trash and increase recycling is to go to a PAYT system which is a true user fee system. He also noted that Waste Management offers the bagster system to residents they service that after the bag is purchased, the cost for pick up is \$164. This would help divert items from Kent Farm. He stated that there are so many exciting things happening and they all do a great job. He even

noted that Waste Management has a driver watch program in which the driver is on the watch for to see if anything unusual is going on. They get used to their routes and people. Mr. Lachappelle was asked about the totes and mobile home parks or 55 and up complexes. Mr. Lachappelle noted that the totes pull easy. Mr. Kowalski asked who owns the totes. Mr. Lachappelle noted that it is part of the contract. The Town could purchase, but would need to replace them. The other way is that the vendor supplies them and is responsible for them. They would be collected at the end of the contract. He also explained the totes are picked up differently. The totes with a bar in them are gripped and emptied. The other way is that it is picked up by claws and emptied. Mr. Kowalski asked if the style or design of the totes change based on changes in the arm. Mr. Lachappelle stated no, the arm just becomes more efficient.

Transfer Station- Roof-

There were specific questions from the boy scout regarding the project.

1. When does it need to be completed- the committee agreed that October 1st would be a good date.
2. Trailer size- to determine the roof size. It is about 8 x 32 but it will be confirmed with S. Harms.
3. Design- Most are attached to the roof but there are also free standing ones. Mr. Kowalski found a website that shows the different styles. If the trailer is to be moved around, then an attached one won't work. The purpose of the roof is to protect the trailer and roof, as well as employee.

The committee agreed that they liked the idea of a pitched standalone roof. The electricity is near the compactor and the trailer will need to move that way to use the electricity for an air conditioner. Mr. Nugent noted that it was more expensive to use a free standing one, and that it should be solid. There is money in the site maintenance to help with the project.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm

NEXT MEETING

June 12, 2013 at 7:30 p.m

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Harrington,
Recording Secretary