

**Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
December 14, 2016**

**PRESENT;** Ellen Cabral, C. Kowalski, C. Cipriano, and P. Wentworth (absent R. Nugent)

Guests: P. Williams (Tri Towne News)

**MINUTES**

The minutes from November 9, 2016 were approved by voice vote after a motion by P. Wentworth and a second by C. Kowalski.

**Old Business**

2017 Proposed Budget- P. Wentworth asked if there was enough money in the budget for the certification of the employees and asked why they weren't all certified. The committee stated that all employees that work at the transfer station need to be certified per state law.

**P. Wentworth motioned that all personnel need to be certified to work at the transfer station to be in compliance with state law. The motion was seconded by C. Kowalski and passed unanimously.**

At the budget meeting of December 12<sup>th</sup>, the budget increase for the second Household Hazardous Waste Day was added and there were no issues noted. The public hearing on the budget is scheduled at the town office on January 11<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm.

Follow up on Rehrig-Pacific Discussion- The members discussed the use of "toters" for collection of trash/recycling and the various options. C. Kowalski asked if they town is to own the "toters" does it require town meeting approval? He estimated that the cost would be about \$65 per household. One of the bigger concerns is who would own the "toters". They questioned whether or not it would need to be a mandate to use. C. Cipriano had a question about where they are located and ability to get in and out of driveways.

Proposed Cell Tower- Mrs. Harrington showed the committee the revised plans for the location of the cell tower to be located at the Kent Farm Transfer Station.

**New Business**

Goals for 2017/2018- The members discussed starting the Request for Proposal early so that they can determine which direction is the better and most cost effective way to go. There are options to pick up both trash and recycling in "toters" or just trash or just recycling. There is an outstanding question about whether or not there will be a recycling tipping fee in 2018 that could be a huge factor. There could be a fixed rate or a variable rate. Currently we have a fixed rate which works well for us. There could also be the option of every other week collections for trash or recycling or both.

C. Kowalski stated that the long term goal should be trash every other week. They asked that Mrs. Harrington collect some sample RFP's from other communities. They will look to get the RFP out after the April meeting. C. Kowalski stated that he got his first load out of the tumbler he was trying out. This tumbler is good for people that have small areas but want to compost. C. Cipriano stated that some condo complexes don't allow composting. The committee discussed what they should focus on for 2017/2018.

They noted that they can't lose focus on organics, but it has been difficult getting people out for the composting classes. They will look at making that a side message and look at pushing the recycling again. They will look at having the garbage guerilla day at the Central School again in 2017.

C. Kowalski stated that he has heard that there are some towns that have eliminated the use of plastic bags. This is known to be an issue with single stream recycling. He noted that it would be interesting to find out the down time due to plastic bags getting caught on equipment. It was suggested to add in the proposal the chance over banning plastic bags and see if there would be a discount. In the long run they need to protect the budget because it is anticipated that 2018 will bring a large jump in the budget. C. Kowalski noted that based on 3300 residences the cost annually for RAWD budget is \$202 per residence.

**Motion to adjourn at 8:30 pm was made by Mr. Wentworth and seconded by Mr. Kowalski and passed 4-0.**

**NEXT MEETING**

**January 11, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.**

**Public Hearing on Budget- January 11, 2017 at 7:00 pm**

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Harrington,  
Recording Secretary