

Recycling and Transfer Advisory Committee  
Minutes of Meeting  
March 26, 2013

Members Present: Jim Levesque, Ray Bonney, Richard Bairam (Turk); Committee Chair, Sean McDonald, Merrill Johnson, Bob Schroeder

Absent: Bob Worrell

The meeting began at 6:35. Bob motioned to approve the minutes from the meeting of February 26, 2013 as presented. The motion was second by Sean. All in favor.

The Committee discussed the single stream and the percentage of recycling we are receiving. It had dropped in February but is moving forward again. February is the slowest month in the Department and trash had also dropped. Diane explained that the material was still going to Casella in Allentown and we have been receiving a small amount of reimbursement for that. Casella is close enough to the facility that the recycling collection truck has been going directly there at the end of the route and depositing recycling. It has helped with the efficiency of the department.

The Department is looking for a new collection driver. The driver we were sharing at highway, went back to highway. We can still use this man, but we need to fill the position. Highway is also short-handed.

There was a discussion on the mandatory recycling warrant article going to Town Meeting. The article was changed so that it was a non-binding article so that the Council could get a feel for what the residents want. The Committee discussed how important they thought it was. Diane will put a letter in the Banner from all of the Committee. She will email it first for any input.

Earth Day will be held on April 20<sup>th</sup>. The Department will be providing for the paper shredder from Northeast Retention again. We had a lot of participation in that last year. Diane will set up her laptop and show the small video showing what happens with the single stream recycling after it leaves our facility. We will be raffling off a compost bin and have some giveaways.

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:55 by Jim Levesque. The motion was second by Merrill. All in favor.

