

# Minutes

## Recycling Committee (Committee of the Select Board)

**Thursday, July 12, 2007 7:00PM**  
North Hampton Library, Craig Room

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2 *These minutes were prepared as a reasonable summary of the essential content of this*  
3 *meeting, not as a transcription.*

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5 Members Present: Laurel Pohl, Hope Miller, Alan Bucklin, Charlie Brindamour, Brian  
6 Chevalier, Ed MacNeil

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8 Members Absent: Jeff Church, Debra Horman

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10 Others present: Judy Day, Larry Miller, and Bob Strout

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12 The meeting was brought to order at 7:10pm on Monday, June 25, 2007.

### 13 14 I) Six year history of Costs and Revenues for Recycling Center

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16 Laurel shared some cost and revenue charts she had prepared for a Selectmen's  
17 presentation in 2005. The committee discussed the desire to have the most current  
18 figures. Alan added that it would be good to compare North Hampton cost of  
19 recycling operations to Rye's. Laurel agreed to update the figures and present the  
20 information to the committee at a later meeting.

### 21 22 II) Committee goals and objectives

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24 Alan noted that having literature regarding recycling would be helpful especially if it  
25 involved the school children. Samples of a brochure that had been done in Rye were  
26 distributed. Judy Day asked what the selectmen had set for the committee's charter.  
27 Laurel responded that the selectmen had indicated that the objective of the committee  
28 is to minimize the net cost at which the recycling center is currently operating. Laurel  
29 added that there are several ways to accomplish this, but most often people look first  
30 to minimize costs. She stated that she believed that the center was probably already  
31 operating at minimal cost and that the key to reducing net cost would be to increase  
32 revenues by increasing the volume of materials collected. Increasing the kinds of  
33 materials that are handled is one way of attracting more "customers". Waste oil  
34 collection was identified as a desirable addition to the list of materials processed.  
35 Laurel noted that it would be beneficial if the town would use the collected oil as  
36 supplemental heating for the new PWD facility. Alan described the waste oil  
37 collection operations at the Rye recycling center and noted that he believed that the  
38 best way to increase recycling would be to make it mandatory in the manner that Rye

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1 had done their recycling operations – by providing free waste collection to residents  
2 who had removed all recyclables from their garbage. Laurel added that a pay as you  
3 throw program was another way to make recycling mandatory, but that a PAYT  
4 program had been attempted once in North Hampton and had failed on the ballot.  
5 Judy Day questioned whether abutters to the recycling center were aware that the  
6 committee was talking about a transfer station. Laurel clarified that the meeting was  
7 a duly posted meeting and that even though abutters would likely oppose converting  
8 the recycling center to a transfer station, all options had to be on the table for  
9 discussion by the committee and all considerations, such as abutter opposition, would  
10 be factored in to any recommendations made to the selectmen. A general discussion  
11 of efforts that the committee thought the Recycling center should undertake ensued  
12 and included the suggestions of cooperative arrangements and tire collection.

### 13 14 III) Minutes from 6/26 meeting

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16 Laurel distributed meeting minutes from the June meeting and noted that they would  
17 be finalized at the next meeting, once committee members in attendance had a chance  
18 to read them.

### 19 20 IV) Set next meeting date

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22 The committee agreed to meet on the third Thursday of each month. Laurel agreed to  
23 book a permanent meeting room for those dates. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15  
24 PM.  
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