

Milford Recycling Committee Meeting Minutes

August 15, 2011, 7:00 p.m.

Selectmen's Board Room

Members Present		Members Absent
Gil Archambault	Gary Daniels	Cara Brewer
Celeste Barr	Tammy Scott	
Bert Becker	Steve Trombly	
Dave Bowden	Leighton White	
Robert Courage		

1. **Opening.** Selectman Gary Daniels opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Approval of 7/18/11 Minutes.** It was noted that the July 17 minutes reflected that the next meeting of the Recycling Committee would be on Tuesday, August 8. August 8th is a Monday, August 9th is a Tuesday. The original intent was to meet on Tuesday, August 9th. Gil Archambault moved to accept the minutes as amended with clarification of the correct date. Bert Becker seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.
3. **Old Business.** Each member had been given the task of reviewing the charge, looking at the current, short range and long range needs and objectives of the Transfer Station and the Recycling Ordinance, and categorizing their ideas as immediate, short-range or long-range. These items were identified and discussed under new business.
4. **New Business.** Members identified the following items as contributors to increasing recycling in town, increasing recycling revenue, and assessing the capabilities of the Transfer Station to accommodate expanded recycling:

Enhancing the recycling experience

- (short range) Keep the demolition area open later than 1:00p on Saturday
 - Can we change dumpsters when they are full?
 - Can the Demo Contract be changed to provide service Tuesday-Saturday instead of Monday-Friday?
- (short – long range) Move glass recycling closer to the plastics recycling area
 - What changes are needed to accomplish this?
- (long range) Using recycled asphalt, fill in the “bumps” at the Transfer Station, creating a smoother driving surface
 - What logistics, resources and material are needed to accomplish this?

Facility enhancement recommendations

- (short – long range) Reconfigure the weight house for efficiency and productivity
- (short – long range) Enlarge the Still Good Shed
- (short – long range) Chipping versus burning
- (long range) Upgrade the scales
- (long range) Upgrade older recycling equipment

Educating the public

- (current) Labels do not have to be removed from plastic bottles and glass –
 - Use information board, brochures and PEG Access
- (current) Plastic bags (i.e. grocery) can be recycled at the Transfer Station
 - Use information board, brochures and PEG Access
- (short range) Handouts on recycling need to be reconciled with the Recycling Ordinance
 - Do changes need to be made to the ordinance?
- (short range) Set up a box for distribution of educational literature
- (short – long range) Establish a recycling presence at town events (i.e. Pumpkin Festival)
 - Corporate demos?
 - Recycling containers?

5. **Action Items:**

- Dave Bowden will check with Coca-Cola for corporate demo opportunities
- Celeste Barr will work with the Milford school/students regarding the creation of a new recycling brochure
- Tammy Scott will contact Waste Management regarding the availability of public recycling containers
- Gary Daniels will provide members with a copy of the latest Waste Management contract

6. **Next Meeting.** The next Recycling Committee meeting will be on Tuesday, September 20, at 6:30p at the DPW Conference Room on South Street.

7. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary L. Daniels
Representative to the Board of Selectmen