

Milford Recycling Committee Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2011, 6:30 p.m.

DPW Conference Room

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

1. **Opening.** Selectman Gary Daniels opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.
2. **Approval of 9/20/11 Minutes.** Lacking a quorum, the approval of the 9/20/11 minutes was deferred until the November meeting.
3. **Old Business.**
 - Tammy Scott reported that \$95,966.15 in revenue had been generated through recycling from January-August 2011. In 2010 the amount was about \$55,000 and in 2009 the amount was about \$27,700 for the same time period.
 - Tammy Scott said that she had been given approval to chip the 'burn pile' rather than burning it.
 - Gary Daniels stated that he would contact School Superintendent Robert Suprenant to request an alternate school representative on the Recycling Committee, as the person originally assigned has not attended any meetings.
4. **New Business.** Members addresses the following projects, previously identified 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

- a. **Keeping the demolition area open later than 1:00p on Saturday**
 - Tammy Scott expected to have an answer from Waste Management by 10/21/11 regarding our request for an extra demolition bin and the possibility of Waste Management changing their Saturday pick-up time.
- b. **Moving glass recycling closer to the plastics recycling area**
 - Note: Though we pay to dispose of glass, the price we pay (currently about \$10/ton) saves us from having to dispose of glass at regular trash disposal cost of about \$72/ton.
- c. **Creating a smoother driving surface at the Transfer Station**
 - What logistics, resources and material are needed to accomplish this? Can recycled asphalt be used?

Educating the public

- a. **PEG access TV**
 - Mike McNerny will be given information to post on PEG access TV (a) that people no longer need to remove labels from recycled plastic and glass, and (b) that plastic bags (i.e. grocery bags) can be recycled at the Still Good Shed.
 - Tammy Scott met with Perry Spearman to provide information for next year's Town Planner calendar.

b. Recycling brochure

- Wooden brochure boxes have been made for strategic placement at the Transfer Station.
- A mailbox to distribute recycling information will be placed at the regular trash disposal location.
- The Recycling Ordinance needs to be updated before recycling handouts are changed

c. Recycling Ordinance

- Tammy Scott distributed a draft update of the Recycling Ordinance and members present discussed the proposed changes. (attached)

d. Establish a recycling presence at town events (i.e. Pumpkin Festival)

- Recycling containers were placed at the Pumpkin Festival.
- Note: 12 loads of regular trash and seven loads of demolition material were generated at the Pumpkin Festival. Committee members feel more recycling could be done and recommended establishing a Recycling Crew for Pumpkin Festival cleanup.

Facility enhancement recommendations

a. Short-Term

- Roll-offs need to be refurbished
- Roof repairs needed

b. Short-Long Range

- Reconfigure the weight house for efficiency and productivity
- Enlarge the Still Good Shed
- Chipping versus burning

c. Long Range

- Upgrade the scales
- Upgrade older recycling equipment
- Roll-offs need to be refurbished

5. Action Items:

- Leighton White and Steve Trombly will seek a meeting with Rick Riendeau to discuss possible solutions to creating a smoother driving surface at the Transfer Station.
- Gary Daniels will contact Mike McNerny to create a public service announcement that informs residents that they do not need to remove labels from plastic or glass and that plastic bags (i.e. grocery) can be recycled at the Still Good Shed.
- Gary Daniels will contact School Superintendent Robert Suprenant to request an alternate school representative on the Recycling Committee.
- Celeste Barr will work with the Milford school/students regarding the creation of a new recycling brochure.

6. **Next Meeting.** The next Recycling Committee meeting will be on Tuesday, November 15, at 6:30p at the DPW Conference Room on South Street.

7. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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