

Milford Recycling Committee Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2015, 6:30 p.m.

MPD Conference Room

Members Present	Members Present	Members Absent	Guests
Gil Archambault	Jerry Guthrie	Robert Courage	.
Celeste Barr	George Hoyt	Steve Trombly	
Bert Becker	Tammy Scott	Leighton White	
Dave Bowden	Diane Varney-Parker		
Gary Daniels, Selectman			

1. **Opening.**

- Selectman Gary Daniels opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

2. **Approval of Minutes**

- Minutes of August 18, 2015 and September 15, 2015 were presented for approval. George Hoyt moved to accept the minutes as presented. Bert Becker seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.

3. **Old Business.**

- **Public Recycling Containers Update**

- Jerry Guthrie distributed a Trash/Recycling Container Inventory document that reflected an update of where trash and recycling containers currently exist on town property, along with recommendations of how many of each type of container should be at a particular location and the current condition of the existing containers.
- Tammy Scott stated that she currently has five (5) barrels and 10 lids available that can be placed in areas most needed.
- Gil Archambault will provide a stencil set to Tammy Scott for barrel painting.
- Tammy Scott will arrange for five barrels and the stencils to be transported to Jerry Guthrie's home for painting.
- The committee agreed that the Town of Milford emblem should appear of the recycling barrels to identify ownership.
- The committee agreed that the oval district is most in need of the recycling containers once they are painted.

- **School District Recycling**

- Diane Varney-Parker reported that Trash on the Lawn Day would be held on October 27-28, at Milford Middle School. The \$1500 needed to cover the cost of the event was covered by grants and donations. She invited committee members to drop by the event. Diane also reported that her recycling initiative at the Middle School to reduce waste 10% was awarded a \$5000 grant by NH Charitable Fund. She is actively seeking a grant sponsored by Sanford Plumbing and Heating that will be awarded according to which group gets the most votes. Voting ends on October 30 at noon. People can vote via the Sanford Plumbing and Heating web site.
- George Hoyt reported that the High School Environmental Club elected Emily Wood as its President. The club is planning on having a composting program, which will start with the High School kitchen. No start date has been scheduled. The club also discussed replacing plastic water bottles with reusable water bottles, as well as discussing the possibility of putting solar panels on the roof.

- **Committee Membership**

- Gary Daniels confirmed that Steve Trombly has been sworn in for another term on the committee.

4. **New Business.**
 - **Recycling Education**
 - Dave Bowden will send out the latest recycling brochure template. Gary Daniels will seek printing of 1000 copies of the updated brochure.
 - **Pumpkin Festival**
 - Tammy Scott reported that recycling at the Pumpkin Festival was terrible – we had visibility with the recycle mobile, the public just did not use it. We needed trash barrels beside it.
 - Some barrels at Keyes Field did not have plastic trash bags in them –trash was dumped directly into the barrel. Bags were also missing from the wooden trash barrels at Emerson Park.
 - Committee feels we need to coordinate Pumpkin Festival recycling efforts with the Milford Improvement Team (MIT). Proposed that next year we place our recycle mobile back over to Union Street and that area
 - **Public Recycling**
 - Gary Daniels will discuss with the DPW Director and the Town Administrator the committee’s desire to add more recycling containers on public property and the strategy, if needed, to temporarily move recycling containers to an area where an event is occurring.
 - Gary Daniels will discuss with the DPW Director and the Town Administrator the need for the department and committee to work together to ensure an effective and successful recycling initiative.
 - Gary Daniels will contact the DPW Director to determine how many “Milford Recycles” signs current are erected in town.
 - It was noted that Market Basket has been offering boxes to shoppers as an option to plastic shopping bags. Market Basket does offer recycling of plastic bags in their store.
5. **Action Items:**
 - Gary Daniels will draft meeting minutes and distribute to members prior to the next meeting.
 - Gary Daniels will provide approved minutes to the Town Administrator, the DPW Director, and the Community Media Director, who will post them on the town Web site.
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6. **Next Meeting.** The next regular meeting of the Recycling Committee will be on Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at 6:30p at the Milford Police Station Conference Room.
7. **Adjournment:** George Hoyt moved to adjourn the meeting. Gil Archambault seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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