

Milford Recycling Committee Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2016 6:30 p.m.

MPD Conference Room

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

1. **Opening.**

- Selectman Gary Daniels excused himself to attend School Budget Meeting.

2. **Approval of Minutes**

- Minutes of the December 2015 meeting had not been circulated yet and so will be reviewed at the February meeting.

3. **Old Business.**

• **Action Item Update**

- Gary Daniels will complete December meeting minutes and distribute to members prior to the next meeting. Celeste Barr will distribute the January Meeting minutes.
- Gary Daniels will provide approved minutes of December 2015 and January 2016 to the Town Administrator, the DPW Director, and the Community Media Director, who will post them on the town Web site.
- Gary Daniels will follow up with Dave Wheeler and obtain 1000 printed color copies of the updated brochure. These will be given to Tammy for public distribution.
- Jerry Guthrie will paint one more blue and white plastic recycling barrel for use at Milford Middle School at the request of Diane Varney-Parker.
- It was reiterate (decided at the December Meeting by a quorum) that the ‘Milford Recycles’ metal signs that were erected on posts around the town in 1989 when recycling was adopted in Milford, will not be replaced. The signs, it was decided, do not provide any valuable information or directions to the public.

4. **New Business**

- Celeste reported that NRRA will no longer be conducting the Earth Machine composter sales. She will contact Norseman products (the manufacturers) to ask if they will be continuing any sort of wholesale sales to municipalities and nonprofits.
- **Town of Milford Website**
 - The Milford Recycling Committee page does not link to Milford Recycling Center Information pages. Celeste will ask Mike McInerney to link these.
 - The committee would like to ask Mike M. to reorder the information on the Recycling and Transfer Station pages so that Hazardous Waste (which is collected by Nashua Regional Planning Commission efforts, is not the first information the resident reads about recycling in Milford.
 - Celeste will ask Mike M. to add a link to the printable recycling brochure.

- Celeste will send Mike a list of places to go with “Still Good” household items and clothing. This can be placed on the page featuring the Still Good Shed addition being constructed.

- **Milford School District**

- Diane Varney-Parker reported that the Milford Middle School (MMS) has ordered new recycling bins for the cafeteria and hallways to collect compost, teracycle materials and mixed recyclables. MMS will be purchasing up to three vermicomposting bins for the purpose of augmenting composting capacity. All compost collected from lunches is being added to the Earth Machine composter outside.
- Celeste will be giving a composting workshop for teachers and staff on Feb 9 at the Milford Middle School
- MMS will be holding environmental activities during Green Week May 9-13. This will include hosting an Environmental Artist in Residence, undertaking outdoor planting around the school, conducting a schoolyard cleanup and possibly roadside cleanup. The week will conclude with an environmental-themed comedian (who presented at the NH Recycling conference last year).
- The MMS Recycling club (8-10 members) will be presenting at the 2016 NRRA Recycling conference. Diane was looking for another adult to attend and help the students travel to the conference for the day.
- Milford High School- George will inquire at the Environmental Club meeting if there is interest in partnering with MMS for Green Week May 9-13 and participating in the roadside cleanup.
- George reports that the MHS Environmental Club is attempting to reduce consumption and disposal of single use water bottles at MHS by selling stainless steel drink bottles and having students refill them. [This could pay for itself in 15 days].
- George would like to work on a town-wide ban of single use plastic bags. It was suggested that any member who is interested, draft a letter to Shaw’s Supermarkets Corporate office asking them to re-institute their policy from the 1990s that rebated customers \$.05-.10 per bag that was brought in for use.
- **SCHOOL DISTRICT RECYCLING POLICY**
Diane shared a sample School District Recycling Policy (last page). All Members are asked to review and make suggested changes in preparation for discussion at February meeting. One idea is that the Milford Recycling Committee in partnership with the MMS Recycling Club, could present and discuss the final draft policy to the School Board together.

5. **Next Meeting.** The next regular meeting of the Recycling Committee will be on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at 6:30p at the Milford Police Station Conference Room.
6. **Adjournment: Celeste Barr** moved to adjourn the meeting. Jerry Guthrie seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Celeste Philbrick Barr
Acting Secretary, Milford Recycling Committee

DRAFT SCHOOL DISTRICT RECYCLING POLICY

The School Committee of the Town of Milford believe it to be our responsibility to make our students and staff aware of the importance of recycling materials whenever possible to conserve the world's limited resources and conserve energy while exercising sound financial practices. To this end, all Milford Public Schools will recycle materials that would otherwise become waste, including paper, cardboard, bottles and cans, from throughout the school buildings and grounds, in support of the Town of Milford NH Ordinance which prohibits the disposal of recyclable materials.

The implementation of this policy is the responsibility of the School Board, staff and students. Success in reducing water through recycling is based on the cooperation of all individuals in the school community. The Town of Milford Recycling Committee will offer assistance when possible.

To ensure success in the district's recycling efforts, the following areas will be adopted:

- 1) All district personnel are expected to support recycling efforts throughout the schools.
- 2) A system to document recycling amounts will be created and implemented.
- 3) Teachers are encouraged to include educational lessons on recycling in the curriculum when appropriate.

The Milford School Board directs the Superintendent and his/her agent to implement a materials recycling program in the Milford Schools.

Adopted this _____ day of _____ 2016.