

Milford Recycling Committee Meeting Minutes

February 16, 2016 6:30 p.m.

MPD Conference Room

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

1. Opening.

- Selectman Gary Daniels opened the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

- George Hoyt moved to approve the minutes of December 2015 and January 2016. Bert Becker seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.

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. **Both sets of minutes were distributed.**
- 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. **Minutes of December 2015 and January 2016 were approved at the February meeting and will be distributed to the individuals listed.**
- 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. **500 brochures were printed and given to Tammy.**
- 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. **Done.**
- 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. **We expect that signs will be removed at the convenience of the DPW.**

4. New Business

• Town of Milford Website

- Celeste talked to Mike McInerney about:
 - Providing a link to the Milford Recycling Center Information pages from the Milford Recycling Committee page.
 - Adding a link to the printable recycling brochure.
 - Reordering the information on the Recycling and Transfer Station pages so that Hazardous Waste (which is collected by Nashua Regional Planning Commission), is not the first information the resident reads about recycling in Milford.
 - Listing places to go with reusable household items and clothing on the page featuring the Still Good Shed.

- **Milford School District**

- Diane Varney-Parker has been working with the Milford Middle School (MMS) cafeteria on the prospect of using 100% recyclable food trays.
- Celeste conducted a composting workshop for teachers and staff on Feb 9 at the Milford Middle School
- The MMS will be holding environmental activities during Green Week May 9-13. This will include hosting an Environmental Artist in Residence, Christine Destrempe, as well as 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 in May. Diane was looking for another adult to attend and help the students travel to the conference for the day.
- George will see if the Milford High School Environmental Club (10-15 members) is interested in working with the Recycling Committee to pursue a recycling policy in the school district, partnering with MMS for Green Week May 9-13, and participating in the roadside cleanup.
- George reported that no action has been taken by the MHS Environmental Club to reduce consumption and disposal of single use water bottles at MHS by selling stainless steel drink bottles and having students refill them.
- George stated that the Milford High School Environmental Club discussed promoting a town-wide ban of single use plastic bags.
- **School District Recycling Policy**
Figures previously obtained by Bert Becker show that it is costing the Middle School \$950 three times per week to dispose of solid waste, while disposal of recyclable materials cost \$100 per week. Based on the results obtained by the Trash on the Lawn Day at MMS, it appears that district-wide opportunities exist to increase recycling and decrease solid waste within the district, resulting in significant savings to the district and to taxpayers.

- **Milford School District Recycling Policy**

The committee discussed the Draft School District Recycling Policy, presented at the January meeting, and proposed the following amendments:

The ~~Milford School Board Committee of the Town of Milford~~ **Milford School Board** believes 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, **but not limited to**, paper, cardboard, bottles and cans, from throughout the school buildings and grounds, in support of the Town of Milford NH **Recycling** Ordinance, which governs ~~prohibits the disposal of~~ recyclable materials.

The implementation **and adherence** of this policy is the responsibility of the School Board, staff and students. Success in reducing ~~water~~ **waste** 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~~ **throughout** the Milford Schools **District**.

Adopted this _____ day of _____ 2016.

- **Announcements**

- Tammy Scott announced that the Town Hazardous Waste Collection Day will be on May 7, 2016 at the DPW, 289 South Street, Milford, from 8:00 a.m. until noon. No electronics will be collected as part of this initiative.
- Celeste Barr announced that the Milford Roadside Cleanup organized by the Milford Improvement Team (MIT) will take place on May 7 from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. She encouraged committee members to participate in this event.

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.
- 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.
- Gary Daniels will follow up with Mike McInerney regarding Recycling PSAs on cable access and getting a printable version of the brochure put on the Town Web site.
- George Hoyt will inquire of the MHS Environmental Club's interest in working with the Recycling Committee to pursue a recycling policy in the school district.
- Jerry Guthrie will coordinate with Tammy Scott the painting of two more blue and white plastic recycling barrel for placement in March.
- Tammy Scott will work on developing a "thermometer" that conveys to the public the volume of recycling currently being done, as well as the goal.
- Gil Archambault, Celeste Barr, Robert Courage and Leighton White all have terms expiring in March and will be up for reappointment if they desire.

5. **Next Meeting.** The next regular meeting of the Recycling Committee will be on Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at 6:30p at the Milford Police Station Conference Room.

6. **Adjournment:** George Hoyt moved to adjourn the meeting. Bert Becker 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