

Milford Recycling Committee Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2016, 6:30 p.m.

MPD Conference Room

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

1. **Opening.**

- Selectman Gary Daniels opened the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

2. **Approval of Minutes**

- A couple changes were made to the minutes. Gil Archambault moved to approve the minutes of February 2016 as amended. Diane Varney-Parker seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.

3. **Old Business.**

• **Action Item Update**

- Gary Daniels will draft meeting minutes and distribute to members prior to the next meeting. **Draft February meeting minutes were distributed to committee members.**
- 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. **Approved minutes of December 2015 and January 2016 were distributed and posted.**
- 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. **Mike McInerney implemented all the website updates we requested except the correction of Jerry Guthrie's first name on the committee list.**
- 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. **Still unknown.**
- Jerry Guthrie will coordinate with Tammy Scott the painting of two more blue and white plastic recycling barrel for placement in March. **Jerry completed painting the last two barrels we have and they will be placed soon.**
- 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. **Incomplete.**
- Gil Archambault, Celeste Barr, Robert Courage and Leighton White all have terms expiring in March and will be up for reappointment if they desire. **Need to check on status of reappointments.**

4. **New Business**

• **Public Recycling Containers Update**

- Tammy Scott reported that Jerry Guthrie completed painting the last two barrels we have and they will be placed soon. With the placement, the final two lids we have will also be used.
- Need to inquire if we can get more barrels.

- **School Recycling Initiative**

- **Milford Middle School**

- Diane Varney-Parker continues to drive the recycling effort at the Milford Middle School (MMS), capturing the willingness of other teachers and student to participate in the recycling effort.
- 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).

- **Milford High School Environmental Club**

- George Hoyt reported that the MHS Environmental Club was on the TerraCycle waiting list to recycle Expo markers and mechanical pencils. The waiting list was established because the company could not handle the volume without some restrictions.
- George was also asked if the MHS Environmental Club could look into recycling printer cartridges.
- 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.

- **Milford School District Recycling Policy**

- The committee had a discussion with School Board Chair, Paul Dargie, about implementing a recycling policy for the School District. Paul stated that the district does not currently have a policy, but some single stream recycling is done.
- The draft policy that the committee had worked on in February 2016 had been forwarded to Paul, who passed it on to the School Policy Committee. The expectation is that the School Policy Committee will finalized the policy and submit it to the School Board for approval before the end of the school year.
- The draft policy was as follows:

The 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 recyclable materials.

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

Adopted this _____ day of _____ 2016.

- Paul felt the policy should be one that encourages recycling as opposed to mandating it.
- He also stated that it would be difficult to create and implement a system to document recycling amounts, as the schools' costs were based on the number and types of bins, not weight.
- The committee explained the purpose of the mandatory language, primarily that it would coincide with the Town's mandatory recycling ordinance.
- The committee also stated its belief that the school district could save considerable money if it adhered to a strict recycling policy. This was based upon the 'Trash on the Lawn' event experienced at the Milford Middle School (MMS) last fall.
- Currently, MMS has promoted more recycling than the other schools in the district. At the High School, the Honors Society and the Environmental Club are both available to promote and participate in the recycling effort.
- The committee felt that the best approach was to put in place a policy first and then discuss the next steps.
- Paul Dargie will forward to Gary Daniels a copy of the current contract with Waste Management, which ends on July 31, 2016. Gary will forward the document to the Recycling Committee members.
- Recycling Committee members will develop a list of proposed points to negotiate in the next solid waste/recycling contract that would better position the school district for enhanced recycling and cost savings. This list will be forwarded to Paul Dargie, along with a copy of the Town's recycling ordinance.
- An inventory of the schools should be done to determine existing and needed recycling resources/bins.

5. Other items not on the agenda:

- Tammy Scott announced that 'New Hampshire the Beautiful' had voted to award the Town of Milford a \$500 grant as reimbursement toward the 16 outdoor municipal recycling bin lids that had been purchased.
- 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.
- 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. Committee members are encouraged to participate in this event

6. Action Items:

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7. **Next Meeting.** The next regular meeting of the Recycling Committee will be on Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at 6:30p at the Milford Police Station Conference Room.
 8. **Adjournment:** Gil Archambault moved to adjourn the meeting. George Hoyt seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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