

Milford Recycling Committee Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2016, 6:30 p.m.

MPD Conference Room

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

1. **Opening.**

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

2. **Approval of Minutes**

- Gil Archambault moved to approve the minutes of March 2-16. 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. **March meeting minutes were distributed to committee members at the April 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. **Done.**
- Gary Daniels will follow up with Mike McInerney regarding necessary website changes.
- 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, partnering with MMS for Green Week May 9-13, and participating in the roadside cleanup. **George indicated that the club was interested in working with the Recycling Committee to pursue a recycling policy in the school district.**
- George will inquire if the MHS Environmental Club could look into recycling printer cartridges. George reported that the club had been collecting markers, pens and mechanical pencils for recycling through TerraCycle. Another member reported that TerraCycle had recently discontinued its recycling of ink and pens, but questioned if these items could be recycled through Staples.
- 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. Loss of part-time help as a result of the default budget has impacted this goal.**
- Gary Daniels will check on the status of reappointments.
Gil Archambault reappointed for a 3-year term ending in March 2019.
Leighton White reappointed for a 3-year term ending in March 2019 (needs to be sworn in).
- 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. **Done.**
- 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. **Incomplete.**

4. **New Business**

- **Public Recycling Containers Update**

- Jerry Guthrie reported on the status of recycling containers placed by the Recycling Committee:
 - Four at Keyes Field – one without a top (do not know what happened to the top)
 - Two trash barrels at 127 Elm Street, but no recycling containers
 - Six on the Oval – missing one trash barrel by Ralph's Service Station
 - Zero at Kaley Park – there are two trash barrels at Kaley
 - One at Shepard Park – will be moved closer to the bleachers
 - Nothing at Adams Park
 - Two at the MCAA fields, along with two smaller containers
 - Three at Emerson Park
 - One at Milford Middle School
 - One in storage at the old Ambulance bay
- Need to inquire if we can get more barrels.
- Recycling container tops cost about \$90 each, including shipping and handling
- Jerry Guthrie said he talked to DPW Director re: recycling containers on 5/13/16

- **School Recycling Initiative**

- **Milford Middle School**

- Parenting magazine had a picture of Milford Middle School (MMS) recyclers.
- 2000 plastic water bottles were collected in one month at MMS.
- The Pepsi Recycle Rally is coming up, where #1 and #2 plastics will be collected, as well as cans
- MMS collected 168.2 lbs. of plastic bags between November 2015 and April 2016.
- 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).
- Diane Varney-Parker will be speaking at the NRRA Recycling Conference on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at the Nashua Radisson Hotel.

- **Milford High School Environmental Club**

- George reported that the club had been collecting markers, pens and mechanical pencils for recycling through TerraCycle. It now appears that TerraCycle has discontinued its recycling of ink and pens.
- Printer cartridges may be able to be recycled through Staples.

- **Milford School District Recycling Policy**

- No one has received an update on the School Recycling Policy.
- No comments have been forwarded to Paul Dargie regarding .
- Recycling Committee members were encouraged to 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.

- **Pay As You Throw (PAYT) Initiative**

- The committee discussed some of the obvious pros and cons of a PAYT program.

- A PAYT program was considered a few years ago, and rejected. The committee will try to find the documentation accumulated during that research.
- Committee members were encouraged to do their own research on PAYT and be prepared at the next Recycling Committee meeting to discuss pros and cons of the program

- **Plastics Recycling**

- The committee discussed plastics recycling and how to keep more plastics out to the waste stream.
- Market Basket appears to be making a concerted effort to not use plastic bags. They ask customers if they would like a box. They are also promoting the sale of reusable bags for 99 cents.

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:**

- 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 Mike McInerney regarding necessary website changes.
- Gil Archambault and Leighton White have terms expiring in March and will be up for reappointment if they desire. Gary Daniels will check on the status of reappointments.
- Gary Daniels will contact Paul Dargie for an update on the school recycling policy.
- 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

7. **Next Meeting.** The next regular meeting of the Recycling Committee will be on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at 6:30p at the Milford Police Station Conference Room.

8. **Adjournment:** Jerry Guthrie moved to adjourn the meeting. George Hoyt seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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