

Milford Recycling Committee Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2016, 6:30 p.m.

MPD Conference Room

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

1. **Opening.**

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

2. **Approval of Minutes**

- Gil Archambault moved to approve the minutes of April 19, 2016. George Hoyt 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. **Done.**
- 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. **Incomplete.**
- 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. **Done.**
- Gary Daniels will contact Paul Dargie for an update on the school recycling policy. **Incomplete.**
- 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
- 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**
 - The MMS held environmental activities during Green Week May 9-13. This included hosting an Environmental Artist in Residence, Christine Destrempe, as well as undertaking outdoor planting around the school, and conducting a schoolyard cleanup.
 - Diane Varney-Parker spoke at the NRRRA Recycling Conference on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at the Nashua Radisson Hotel.
- **Milford High School Environmental Club**
 - With school winding down, the Environmental Club has not been that active.
- **Milford School District Recycling Policy**
 - No one has received an update on the School Recycling Policy.
 - 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. To date, no comments have been forwarded.

Miscellaneous Recycling

- About 300 vehicles participated in Household Hazardous Waste Day on 5/7/16.
- Dollars for Scholars will be recycling electronics on Saturday, June 4.
- 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.

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

5. Other items not on the agenda:

- None

6. Action Items:

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- 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.
- Gary Daniels will check on the status of committee membership.
- 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, June 21, 2016 at 6:30p at the Milford Police Station Conference Room.

8. Adjournment:

Celeste Barr moved to adjourn the meeting. Jerry Guthrie seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary L. Daniels
Representative to the Board of Selectmen