

Milford Recycling Committee Meeting Minutes

June 21, 2016, 6:30 p.m.

MPD Conference Room

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

1. **Opening.**

- Selectman Gary Daniels opened the meeting at 6:33 p.m. and announced that Gil Archambault and Leighton White had been excused from the meeting

2. **Approval of Minutes**

- Jerry Guthrie moved to approve the minutes of May 17, 2016 with amendments offer by committee members. 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. **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.**
- Gary Daniels will check on the status of committee membership. **All members have been sworn in.**
- Gary Daniels will contact Paul Dargie for an update on the school recycling policy. **George received a copy of the Recycling Policy passed by the School Board.**

4. **New Business**

Public Recycling Containers Update

- Jerry Guthrie reported on the status of recycling containers placed by the Recycling Committee:
 - One recycling container was placed at 127 Elm Street, where there are two trash barrels.
 - Since there is no trash barrel at Ralph's Service Station (on the oval), recommend moving the recycling container from there to Kaley Park, where there are two trash barrels.
- Need to work with DPW to ensure that lanyards on recycling containers are on the outside of the barrel, not the inside.
- Coca-Cola will be contacted to see if we can get more barrels.
- Tops for the barrels will be sought upon receiving the barrels.
- Recycling container tops cost about \$90 each, including shipping and handling. \$500 should be available from the NH the Beautiful grant. The Town Administration had previous stated to the committee that if it needed money for tops, he should be contacted.
- Jerry Guthrie has been trying to reach the DPW Director, but no one is returning his calls.

School Recycling Initiative

- **Milford Middle School**
 - The MMS earned about \$200 over the year from their Terracycle collections (also called "Brigades"). They were part of the Ewaste Brigade (collecting printer inks and toners plus cell phones, ipods and tablets), but that Brigade ended at the end of May.
 - The MMS 'Trash on the Lawn Day' was successful, as it reduced solid waste 15-18%. Planning on doing this again in the next school year. There was a suggestion that in the future, the materials removed from the waste stream could be weighed and converted to identify the dollars saved through recycling.
 - Diane Varney-Parker distributed and discussed with the committee an article entitled "Top Ways to Reduce Waste," suggesting this could be used as an article in the local newspaper.
 - Diane Varney-Parker will do a lyceum on recycling at the Milford Congregational Church next spring.
 - Diane Varney-Parker recommended that members check with churches to see if recycling articles could be put in church communications to their congregation.
- **Milford High School Environmental Club**
 - Three MMS students (8th graders) have conveyed their interest in being part of the Milford High School Environmental Club when they start their freshman year at the high school.
- **Milford School District Recycling Policy**
 - George Hoyt distributed the Recycling Policy passed by the Milford School Board. While the committee felt that the policy could have been a little stronger by requiring recycling (as the Town Ordinance does) as opposed to encouraging it, the committee felt that the inclusion of the statement that "All district personnel are expected to support recycling efforts..." was a very positive message, and the committee commends the School Board for adopting this policy. A suggestion was made to have the policy posted on the School District Web site.
 - The School District recently entered into a 1-year contract from solid waste disposal with Casella Waste Services. The committee will try to get a copy of the contract to better understand the specifics of it.

Pay As You Throw (PAYT) Initiative

- George Hoyt moved to table the discussion on Pay As You Throw. There was no second, and therefore the motion failed.
- 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 contact Paul Dargie to get a copy of the Casella contract.
- Tammy Scott will contract Coca-Cola to see about getting more barrels.

7. Next Meeting.

The next regular meeting of the Recycling Committee will be on Tuesday, July 19, 2016 at 6:30p at the Milford Police Station Conference Room.

8. **Adjournment:** Jerry Guthrie moved to adjourn the meeting. Bert Becker seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

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