

# Milford Recycling Committee Meeting Minutes

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

MPD Conference Room

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

1. **Opening.**

- Selectman Gary Daniels opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

2. **Approval of Minutes**

- George Hoyt moved to approve the minutes of June 21, 2016. Bert Becker 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 website. **Done.**
- Gary Daniels will follow up with Mike McInerney regarding necessary website changes. **Done.**
- Gary Daniels will contact Paul Dargie to get a copy of the Casella contract. **Done.**
- Tammy Scott will contract Coca-Cola to see about getting more barrels. **Done.**

4. **New Business**

**Granite Town Media**

- Community Media Director Mike McInerney informed the committee that the Recycling Committee meetings would be broadcast or taped commencing September 2016. Mr. McInerney suggested that the Recycling Committee move its meeting to the Board of Selectmen (BOS) Room for ease in broadcasting.

**Public Recycling Containers Update**

- Jerry Guthrie reported on the status of recycling containers placed by the Recycling Committee:
  - Jerry completed two more barrels, which were placed at Keyes Park for the swim meet. There are now seven barrels at Keyes.
  - There are six recycling barrels on the oval.
  - Since there is no trash barrel at Ralph's Service Station (on the oval), Jerry is planning on relocating the recycling barrel at Ralph's to Kaley Park, where there are two trash barrels. The Town Administrator and Department of Public Works should be notified of this relocation.
  - Two new recycling barrels will be placed at the MCAA fields on North River Road.
  - Need to work with DPW to ensure that lanyards on recycling containers are on the outside of the barrel, not the inside.
  - Lanyards are being cut on recycling barrels. Also need to put sandbags in recycling barrels for weight.

## **School Recycling Initiative**

- **Milford Middle School**
  - Diane Varney-Parker stated that her article entitled “Top Ways to Reduce Waste” would be going into her church bulletin. She is looking for opportunities to involve others.
- **Milford High School Environmental Club**
  - The advisor will be retiring at the end of the 2016-17 school year and a new advisor will be sought.
- **Miscellaneous Recycling**
  - Jerry Guthrie showed the committee a small composting container.
  - Tammy Scott reported that volunteers could no longer be used of Household Hazardous Waste Day.

## **Pay As You Throw (PAYT) Evaluation**

- The committee started discussing the advantages and disadvantages of the Pay As You Throw (PAYT) program.
- Gary Daniels distributed to committee members a 2009 study done by Rodney Richie, which included consideration of a PAYT program.
- Advantages
  - Numerous articles implied that PAYT increased recycling in the areas where it was implemented.
  - An increase in recycling may occur because the program instills a financial incentive for separating solid waste from recycling material.
- Disadvantages
  - If faced with a PAYT program, roadside waste may increase.
  - Public perception will be that they are paying twice to dispose of their trash, once via the budget, and then again through PAYT.
  - We would be encouraging the use of plastic bags at the same time we are trying to reduce the amount of plastic going into the solid waste stream.
- Questions
  - Who would enforce the program?
  - How would the program be enforced?
  - What liability would be introduced if employees inspected bags?
  - How much subjectivity would be introduced into bag inspections?
  - Where would bags be sold?
  - What would be the cost of the bags?
  - With the expectation that clear bags would be used, how will trash compactor bags be handled?
  - Will curbside pickup be implemented? At what cost?
  - Will the Transfer Station budget be reduced by the expected revenue generated by PAYT?
  - How can the financial aspects of PAYT be conveyed to taxpayers?
- Committee members were encouraged to continue their own research on PAYT and be prepared at the next Recycling Committee meeting to further discuss advantages and disadvantages of the program.

## **5. Other items not on the agenda:**

- None

## **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 website.
- The committee will decide whether or not to move its meeting to the BOS room.

## **7. Next Meeting.** The next regular meeting of the Recycling Committee will be on Tuesday, August 16, 2016 at 6:30p at the Milford Police Station Conference Room or the BOS room.

8. **Adjournment:** George Hoyt moved to adjourn the meeting. Diane Varney-Parker 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