

Milford Recycling Committee Meeting Minutes

February 17, 2014, 6:30 p.m.

MPD Conference Room

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

1. **Opening.**

- The meeting opened at 6:30 p.m.

2. **Approval of Minutes**

- Minutes of January 2015 were approved by unanimous vote.

3. **Old Business.**

- **School District Recycling**

- Ms. Varney-Parker was invited as a guest to share her experiences recycling in the Milford Middle School (MMS) and to find ways that the Recycling Committee might be able to support recycling in the schools. Ms. Varney-Parker has had a recycling club in MMS for 10 years. Now that the school district has single stream recycling contracts, the students in the club use wheeled carts to pick up recyclables in the classrooms 1-2 times per week. The custodians transfer the contents of the carts to the recycling dumpster outside the school. In addition the students recycle, through Terracycle Co.: cell phones, select printer and toner cartridges, juice pouches and tape dispensers. They receive points and ultimately cash for these items. They use the funds to buy something for the school or to support another organization or need in the school community.
- George will try to organize such an effort in the Milford High School He will talk to Dr. Labrosse, Mr. Alcox and Dr. Craven to see if he can identify an advisor for a recycling club. He will also seek out students that might have been part of MMS recycling club in the past. The goal would be to set up an account with Terracycle and to set up collection boxes for cell phones and select printer cartridges in MHS.
- Celeste will contact Tracy Demers, Jacques Office staff who has expressed interest in recycling in the past, as well as Principal Alcox at Heron Pond School, to see if anyone there is interested in a recycling project or club with the students.

- **Composting update**

- Celeste has distributed composter sales fliers (sold at cost, see attached) at the Milford Town Hall and Recycling Center. Press releases have been sent to the newspapers re: the Recycling Committee encouraging composting. Celeste will schedule a compost demonstration day at the Milford Recycling Center with Tammy in May.

- **Public Recycling Vessels in Town Parks**

- Jerry Guthrie has obtained commercial recycling lids for several vessels to be set up at Keyes Field and Emerson Park. Tammy is having the bases painted and labeled. They will be setup in the parks in the spring. Celeste will give an estimate to Milford Improvement Team of the cost of recycling vessels for the remaining parks so that MIT can consider funding this project.

4. **New Business.**

- **Revolving Fund**

- Should the Committee vote to request a revolving fund for the Milford Transfer station so that some portion of their recycling earnings can go into a 'petty cash' fund for new signs, recycling vessels, recycling education etc.? This will be discussed at next meeting.

5. **Action Items:**

- George Hoyt will try organizing a Recycling Club at MHS.
- Celeste will contact school staff to see if anyone is interested in a recycling project or club with the students.
- Celeste will give an estimate to Milford Improvement Team of the cost of recycling vessels for the remaining parks so that MIT can consider funding this project.

6. **Next Meeting.** The next regular meeting of the Recycling Committee will be on Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at 6:30p at the Milford Police Station Conference Room.

7. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Celeste Philbrick Barr