

Milford Recycling Committee Meeting Minutes

March 17, 2015, 6:30 p.m.

MPD Conference Room

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

1. **Opening.**

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

2. **Approval of Minutes**

- Minutes of February 2015 were presented for approval. All were in favor and the minutes were accepted.

3. **Old Business.**

- **Committee Reappointments**

- Tammy contacted Dave Bowden, Jerry Guthrie, George Hoyt and Steve Trombly about their need to be reappointed for another term. Diane was asked to join the committee as well. Each member can be sworn in anytime during office hours at the Town Clerk's office after 3/27/15.

- **School Recycling News**

- Diane Varney-Parker reported that she spoke about recycling to the Special Educ. Teacher Traci Dorsey who was very enthusiastic. They learned that cardboard milk containers are recyclable through Waste Management (the school district waste contract). Ms. Dorsey is considering having her classroom be the 'green team' for monitoring these and other recyclables in the MMS cafeteria. They might be interested in setting up some sort of composting unit at MMS. Celeste mentioned the classroom demonstration models of vermin-composting systems and will pass information on to Diane about that. (<http://unclejimswormfarm.com/index.php/Indoor-Composters/View-all-products.html>) Also need to research the use of shredded office paper in composters (any chemical contaminants of concern?). The MMS may be holding an Earth Day environmental event. Celeste said she would volunteer to staff an educational activity if so.
- George contacted some teachers at MHS to ask if they would consider being advisor to a Recycling Comm or club at MHS. Some were not available for advising a new club. The Envi Studies teacher Mr. Bryan is interested in banning plastic grocery bags and in banning single use plastic drink bottles and supplying students with reusable drink bottles. Much discussion ensued on this topic. Celeste and George will research what happens to plastic shopping bags. Instead of a municipal ban, we discussed writing a letters to area supermarkets requesting that they charge for plastic bags, ban plastic bags, or offer rebates to people who bring their own bags. Some statistics on plastic grocery bags <http://www.reuseit.com/facts-and-myths/facts-about-the-plastic-bag-pandemic.htm>

- We would like to invite the new superintendant to a recycling meeting with any other staff or school board members he would like to attend. We could discuss a possible recycling policy for the school district, how to increase and facilitate recycling in the schools and the possibility of hosting workshops by NRRA at the MMS. (We are interested in the Trash on the Lawn day program for MMS. This costs \$1000 to bring to the entire school population of 700 students. There are grant opportunities for up to half of that cost).

- **NH the Beautiful Recycling Supplies**

- Diane is interested in possibly purchasing some more recycling bins from Nhthe B (\$4 each) and Celeste is interested in buy-in 1-2 of the clear bag recyclable stands. Perhaps we can plan an order together next month.

- **Composter sales**

- Tammy and Celeste reported lots of inquiries and interest in Earth Machine composters but relatively low sales. There will probably be more interest when the snow melts and during summer.

- **Revolving Fund for Transfer Station**

- Gary will speak to the new Town Administrator about the Transfer Station being reimbursed for sludge hauling activities they undertake for the Wastewater dept.

- **Still Good Shed**

- The Still Good shed is not open to the public because of traffic and safety issues. The new office and ramp consumed one former lane of the driveway so traffic is pushed closer to door of Still Good Shed. When the snow melts and lanes can be repainted, the SGS will reopen. Tammy is staying on this.

- **Public Recycling vessels in Town Parks**

- Tammy reports that the new recycling containers will be ready to go to Emerson Park in the next couple of weeks prior to upcoming weddings scheduled there.

5. **Action Items:**

- Celeste Barr will draft meeting minutes and distribute to members prior to the next meeting.
- Celeste and George will research what happens to plastic shopping bags.
- Gary will speak to the new Town Administrator about the Transfer Station being reimbursed for sludge hauling activities they undertake for the Wastewater dept.
- Tammy will monitor the reopening of the Still Good Shed

6. **Next Meeting.** The next regular meeting of the Recycling Committee will be on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at 6:30p at the Milford Police Station Conference Room.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Celeste Philbrick Barr
Recycling Committee Secretary