

# Milford Recycling Committee Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2015, 6:30 p.m.

MPD Conference Room

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

## 1. **Opening.**

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

## 2. **Approval of Minutes**

- Minutes of December 2014 and April 2015 were presented for approval. All were in favor and the minutes were accepted.

## 3. **Old Business.**

- **Membership:** Diane Varney-Parker has been appointed by the selectmen. She will be sworn in by the Town Clerk.
- **School District Recycling**
  - Milford High School: George reported that the MHS Administration has officially approved the formation of the MHS Environmental Club to begin activity in September 2015. Mr. Bryan Field will be the advisor. He is the instructor of Environmental Studies at MHS. George reported that there are 10 students interested in joining the club. The Club will become a chapter of “Green Schools” and though their mission is broader, there are focus areas for solid waste reduction and recycling.
  - Milford SAU- Jen Burke is the new SAU Finance Director. Diane will check with Jen re: the length of the current waste hauling/single stream recycling contract that the school district has in place. We discussed meeting with Ms. Burke to talk about recycling markets and options in the future.
  - Milford Middle School- Diane reported that she hosted a Recycled Art Show at MMS. They also showed Schoolhouse Rock Earth Video and served refreshments for students in the MMS Library. She created a questionnaire/quiz on recycling for her students and offered prizes for those who had the most correct answers about recyclables at MMS. We discussed possibly creating a similar questionnaire for residents of Milford and offering it on the Town Website with a gift for the most correct answers. Celeste will investigate this with Mike McInerney and see if Survey Monkey is the best software for this.
  - The Milford School District has no recycling policy. The committee feels that it would be helpful if they did and will draft some sample ideas to bring to the school board after July when the new Superintendent is in place. George will draft some ideas.
- **Municipal Recycling Containers**
  - The new recycling vessels in Emerson Park and Keyes Park look good.
  - Jerry’s municipal inventory completed with the assistance of DPW, shows the need for up to 47 more recycling vessels in outdoor location around town. Celeste will request that 20 Recycling lids be funded by Milford Improvement Team for priority areas: Keyes Park, MCAA Fields and Shepard Park.

## 4. **New Business.** None

5. **Action Items:**

- Celeste Barr 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 Web site.
- Celeste will request 20 Recycling lids be funded by Milford Improvement Team for priority areas: Keyes Park, MCAA Fields and Shepard Park.
- Tammy will contact Coca Cola re: bringing and setting up their recycling display at the 2015 Pumpkin Festival
- Tammy will contact Coca Cola for additional white barrels for recycling collection barrels for municipal parks in Milford.
- Gary will ask the Town to fund additional recycling barrel covers.

6. **Next Meeting.** The next regular meeting of the Recycling Committee will be on Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at 6:30p at the Milford Police Station. We will invite Mr. Mark Bender, the Town Administrator to attend.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Celeste Philbrick Barr  
Recycling Committee Secretary