

# Milford Recycling and Solid Waste Committee Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2019 6:30 p.m.  
Milford Police Department

## In Attendance:

Jerry Guthrie, Chair	Gil Archambault
Celeste Barr, Secretary	Tammy Scott
Gary Daniels, Selectmen's Rep.	
Mary Burdett	

1. **Opening** The meeting was opened at 6:33 p.m. by Chairman Jerry Guthrie.

2. **Approval of Minutes**

The Committee voted to accept the February 2019 minutes. (No quorum in March).

3. **Old Business**

**Membership**-Gil Archambault has been approved by the selectmen but needs to be sworn in by the Town Clerk.

### **Signage at Recycling & Transfer Station**

Tammy made and put up some interim signs for various recyclables for the State Inspection. The Town Administrator said committee or staff could laminate paper signs.

To the former list of needed signs, add a sign for Demolition and Bulky waste.

“Demolition/Bulky: Weigh & Pay”

Gary said he will ask the Selectmen if they can approve the expense of the needed signs.

### **Items and vessels that need labelling:**

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| 1. Ni-cad and lithium batteries | 5. Thermometers                  |
| 2. Cell phones & chargers       | 6. Fluorescent light ballasts    |
| 3. Computer cartridges          | 7. Demolition/Bulky: Weigh & Pay |
| 4. Eyeglasses                   |                                  |

Example:

No update on Pay-as-You-Throw trash disposal concept.

**Plastic recycling containers** around town property (made from bases from Coca Cola) have been damaged by storms, wind, cars. Tammy is unable to get anymore bases at this time. Jerry will ask if DPW can put sandbags in the bottom.

4. **New Business**

**Election Day**-recycling bins were made available inside the polls at MMS.

**Legislative update on plastic straw HB-558-FN and single use bag ban HB560-FN** have both passed by the NH House of Representatives. On to the Senate.

**Recycling Brochure Contest MHS.** The Committee chose MHS student Zachary Ryder's design of the Recycling Brochure. Mark Bender has a Gift Card for the student. George will follow-up to get the gift card and deliver to MHS. Tammy and George will request electronic copies of all the entries to the contest from the MHS Graphic Arts Teacher.

**The final brochure need to contain corrected, updated information and hours.**

There are several pieces of information that need updating in the brochure. Those subject areas are Glass recycling, textile recycling and the addition of the Still Good Shed. The hazardous waste information can be abbreviated. The recycling bins at the entrance to the Recycling Center can be listed and explained.

Updates need to be made to the Town Website as well.

Disposal fees may be changing in the next month so they are not final for the brochure yet.

A separate document should be created for Commercial waste disposal, hours for commercial disposal and commercial fees.

**May 20-21<sup>st</sup> NRRA Recycling Conference.** 10 MMS students, an MHS student, a MS and 1 elementary teacher and some elementary students will be attending.

NRPC Hazardous waste collection in Nashua DPW April 20 8am –noon. Open to all NRPC towns.

Milford Elementary School

At Jacques Elementary first grade teachers, Ms. Costa, has implemented the Crayola recycling program.

Milford Elementary School's PTO was selected as next month's Shaw's Recyclable Bag Fundraiser! In the month of May, for every recyclable bag bought at the Milford Shaw's for \$2.50 the PTO will receive \$1.

Heron Pond is doing great with their recycling program and their enrichment group, the Milford Elementary School's Recycling Club is growing as well (submitted by Kathy Fay, via email).

**Discussion: What can the committee do to educate people in Milford on composting and other waste reduction?**

- Add a Video on Milford website on backyard composting.
- Host a demonstration of composting, Tammy has a donated spinning composting bin.

The Milford Recycling ordinance needs updating. The new brochure and the ordinance should match. That will be the focus of the May meeting. Everyone's homework is to get a copy of the ordinance and begin marking it up. There is a copy on the Town Website.

**5. Next meeting**

The next meeting will be May 21, 2019 the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at the Milford Police Station Community Meeting Room.

**6. Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Celeste Philbrick Barr, Secretary