

Milford Recycling and Solid Waste Committee Meeting Minutes

August 18, 2020 6:30 p.m.

Via Zoom Meeting

In Attendance:

Jerry Guthrie, Chair

Nancy Amato

Celeste Barr, Secretary

George Hoyt

Gary Daniels, Selectmen's Rep.

Mary Burdett, Vice Chair

1. **Opening.** The meeting was opened at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Jerry Guthrie.

2. **Approval of Minutes** The Committee approved the July meeting minutes.

Nancy-yes Gary - yes George -yes Mary -yes Celeste-yes Jerry-yes

3. **Old Business**

Signage at Recycling & Transfer Station

The Town Administrator responded to the committee's request for 3 A-frame signs stating that he felt they were not needed at this time because the Transfer Station would be going back to normal operations in the near future.

Our request for lettered A-frame signs is not solely for the purpose of pandemic notices. They will be used for recycling education and instructions for the public.

Celeste will research the cost of outdoor changeable letter signs so that we can request these of the selectmen.

Possibility: <https://www.bannerbuzz.com/qla-message-board-white/p>

New Business

Mary requested the Recycling & Solid Waste Committee be put on the **Selectmen's Agenda on Monday Aug 24th.** Tina Philbrick will get back to Mary with a specific time. Mary will send our topics to Tina as well as a copy of the updated, proposed charge:

1. Town of Milford Recycling/Solid Waste Committee Charge (last amended 7/25/11:
 - Review the needs and the long-term goals of the Transfer Station and Recycling Center, and work annually with the Department of Public Works to contribute input to a Capital Improvement Plan, expand initiatives that promote zero waste and sustainability, and set annual recycling goals.
 - Investigate and present proposals to the Selectmen to reduce solid waste and promote environmental sustainability and zero waste.

- Submit recommendations to the Board of Selectmen on how best to promote zero-waste, environmental consciousness within the Town of Milford, address the needs of the Transfer Station and Recycling Center, with considerations given to the overarching goal of tackling climate change.
- Review Recycling/Solid Waste Code 5.20, and if needed, develop potential revisions and submit recommended amendments to the Board of Selectmen for consideration

2. Mention to the Selectmen that there is no long range plan for the transfer and recycling center at this time.

3. Request purchase of A-frame signs for better education and instructions of the public

4. Remind the public that an excellent opportunity to recycle and dispose of hazardous waste is taking place Aug 29th 8am-noon at DPW garage Milford organized by Nashua Regional Planning Commission.

Recycling and Solid waste tonnage, revenue and expenses


Mary requested data on this topic from Rick Rlendeau which we received July 16th. We received some figures of revenues from recycling sales, MSW fees, Demolition and bulky waste fees. Celeste will follow-up with Ecosmith re: pounds of textiles recycled. Mary will follow-up with Tammy on weight of recycled textiles from Helpsy.

The committee can estimate some avoidance cost savings for the purpose of educating and encouraging the public to reduce waste. We ultimately would like to make a chart or thermometer of savings to display.

Nancy suggested conducting a simple survey of residents: Do you compost? Do you recycle textiles--single socks and shoes? Used motor oil, NI-cad batteries, fluorescent light bulbs, used printer cartridges. Guess how much it costs to dispose of our solid waste? \$10 Ton \$50 Ton \$100 Ton. We discussed surveying people in person at the polls or at the transfer station in the spring. An additional or alternative option is to create a survey on survey monkey and post on our FB page and town website.

The creation of a Transfer station video tour is on hold until full operations at the recycling center resume.

Celeste will create a Facebook Post stating that the committee is looking for new members as well as one about the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day. Election of officers will be at the December meeting.

Tammy sent us information on the next Household Hazardous Waste collection Aug 29th 8 am -noon at Milford DPW Garage on South Street.  will create a Facebook Post that the committee needs some new members as well as one about the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day. Celeste will ask Rick if he will put this info on Nixle and an electronic sign board. Celeste

Next meeting

The next meeting will be September 15, 2020 via Zoom meeting.

Adjournment: Celeste moved to adjourn the meeting. Mary seconded the motion. Participants unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Celeste Philbrick Barr, Secretary