

Milford NH Recycling and Solid Waste Committee Meeting Minutes

December 15, 2020 6:30 p.m.

Via Zoom Meeting

In Attendance:

Jerry Guthrie, Chair
Celeste Barr, Secretary
Gary Daniels, Selectmen's Rep.
Mary Burdett, Vice Chair
Nancy Amato
George Hoyt
Lashanta Magnusson, Guest
Rick Riendeau, DPW Director

Kathy Fay

1. **Opening.** The meeting was opened at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Jerry Guthrie.
2. **Approval of Minutes** The Committee approved the October meeting minutes. (No meeting in November).
Nancy-yes Gary - yes George -yes Mary -yes Celeste-yes Jerry-yes Kathy-yes

3. New Business

Rick Riendeau, Milford DPW Director was asked if a long range plan exists for the Milford Recycling & Transfer Station. He said there is not such a plan. His short term plans are to
1) further investigate the crushing of glass for use in roadbed applications in town. This would eliminate the town from paying \$40 a ton to dispose of glass.
Crushed glass and porcelain can be mixed with gravel and used on roads and parking lots. New London NH has such a setup. Rick wishes to learn how to do it and to determine if a modified gravel crusher can be employed.

2) learn more about municipal composting. Celeste will look into any updates by NH DES on this.

In 2020, Milford hired someone to come in and grind the leaf and yard waste up to create a usable compost product. If Milford can create a good product, it could generate income.

Recycling Update: All metal food cans can now be recycled again (in addition to aluminum beverage cans). However pet food cans must be put into the light metal recycling bucket to the right of trash receptacles near cardboard recycling. This is due to the contamination in pet food cans. Celeste will post this notice on the Town Recycling Facebook page. We asked Rick if he could post it as a NIXLE notification.

Mixed paper is still cheaper to separate than to dispose of as trash (including rental of bin and compactor).

Recycled cardboard is still providing income at \$40/ton.

The Ecosmith Textile recycling bin at the Milford Recycling Center receives 8000-10,000 lbs of textiles per year. If this is extrapolated to 4 bins at the transfer station (including Helpsy, Salvation Army etc), nearly 40,000 lbs of textiles are diverted from the waste stream. This does not count the numerous bins placed around town for the same purpose (SunMart, SHARE etc).

Lashant Magnusson was approved by the Selectmen to join the Recycling & Solid Waste Committee. She is awaiting an appointment with the Town Clerk to be sworn in (delayed by COVID).

Elections for 2021:

Jerry Guthrie will be retiring from the committee. This is his last meeting.

Chair = Celeste Barr. Nominated by Mary Burdett. Seconded by Kathy Fay.

Gary= yes Jerry= yes George= yes Mary = yes Nancy = yes Kathy= yes Celeste = yes

Vice Chair = Nancy Amato. Nominated by George. Seconded by Celeste.

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Secretary = Mary Burdett Nominated by Nancy. Seconded by George.

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4. Old Business

Signage at Recycling & Transfer Station

With approval from Town Hall and concurrence by Tammy, Celeste ordered 2 A-frame signs with removable letters for the Transfer Station , They will be delivered and lettered as soon as they arrive.

There are cones in front of the Still Good Shed to show that it is still closed and to prevent people from parking there and walking their trash to the Trash building (through traffic). An additional trash dumpster might be added in the near future to the left of Still Good shed to aid in high traffic times.

5. Next meeting

The next meeting will be January 18, 2021 via Zoom meeting. Celeste will set up with Chris Gentry.

The meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Celeste Philbrick Barr, Secretary