

Milford NH Recycling and Solid Waste Committee Meeting Minutes

February 16, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m.

Via Zoom Meeting

In Attendance:

Celeste Barr, Chair

Nancy Amato, Vice Chair

Mary Burdett, Secretary

Gary Daniels, Selectmen's Rep.

Rick Riendeau, DPW Director

1. **Opening.** The meeting was opened at 6:33 p.m. by Chairperson Celeste Barr

2. **Approval of Minutes** The minutes were not approved due to lack of a quorum. Plan; to be reviewed at next meeting.

3. Old Business

A. Glass crushing: Nancy stated she had spoken with Bonnie at NRRA on 2/16 and told glass is shipped to Keene at a cost of \$40/ton plus shipping. NRRA has 800-1000 ton minimums to be able to use equipment would be \$35/ton to use their machinery. Per Tammy, we have 180 tons of glass. (Please review...I am unsure of the correctness of this...thanks)

Rick stated he feels it is possible for us to crush our own glass. At this point, all the logistics are still being reviewed and discussed. He is unsure of the size of the crusher but stated that over the past 2 weeks, he has been able to "move ahead in a positive way". When/if this becomes a reality, we will be able to recycle and use porcelain also and mix with the asphalt. We will NOT be able to use windshield glass. Per Rick, we would own this machinery. Gary asked if we would be able to take in glass from other communities. Rick stated he is unsure at this point: would need to determine the time it takes to crush, amounts, etc. to determine if it is feasible.

B. Celeste spoke with Michael Nork from DES regarding municipal composting. At this point, there is no updated rules, information about municipal composting. Advised to refer to the existing permissible regulations on municipal composting. Michael Nork stated he is hopeful the proposed rules for full composting will be out for public comment by summer. Our plan:

1. continue compost education and plan a few days at the transfer station for question and answers.
2. Continue the Compost Challenge. Milford Thrives will offer some free composters.
3. Rick states they will continue to grind leaves and sticks together, will continue to monitor compost temp occasionally to track how we are doing.

4. New Business

Recycling Update: The transfer station will be reinstituting plastic recycling.

Plan: the public will separate their plastics

There will be 3 bins: HPE PETE and colored detergent bottles

Rick stated he would like the Committee to assist with education on this.

Ideas: make boards with examples to go over the appropriate bins. Plan is to get input from Tammy on her thoughts. Plan is to start in March.

How to inform the town: announce a “heads up” that this will be coming in March and encouraging the public to save their plastics: how? Make a public service announcement: transfer station website, recycling Facebook page, Granite state Media slide. There was discussion regarding an announcement through the Cabinet. Rick advised us to wait. BOS will be updated next week and he suggested putting on media after this. Rick will coordinate with Chris Gentry.

Nancy voiced a concern regarding possibly diverting water that flows under the Still Good Shed. Rick states we are very limited due to the cap.

Updating the Website: Celeste discussed how much of the information on the website is outdated. What is the proper protocol to update the website? Rick stated that Chris would update immediately if changes came through Celeste or Tammy.

Gary asked if any changes at the recycling center have to go with the ordinances. Numbering the ordinances is not completed: discussed the history of numbering the ordinances: Tina had stated she does not have experience in that. Gary had stated he would take on that task. Tonight, Gary stated he will finish numbering them. Enforcing was also mentioned without definitive plan.

Next meeting will get update from LaShanta on cork recycling and Terracycling.

5. Next meeting

The next meeting will be March 16, 2021 via Zoom meeting. Celeste has sent continued zoom meetings for the 3rd Tuesday at 6:30 pm with Chris Gentry.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Burdett, Secretary