

Milford Recycling and Solid Waste Committee Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2020 6:30 p.m.

Milford Police Department

In Attendance:

Jerry Guthrie, Chair	Rick Riendeau, DPW Director
Celeste Barr, Secretary	John Shannon, Town Administrator
Gary Daniels, Selectmen's Rep.	Vanessa Sheehan, guest
Tammy Scott, Transfer Station Mgr.	

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

2. **Approval of Minutes**

The Committee did not have a quorum so delayed approval of the January Minutes.

3. **Old Business**

Revised Ordinance--Has been sent to Tina Philbrick for proofreading and numbering. Rick and Gary will check with her to ask if she has been able to proofread the ordinance and review the numbering system.

Signage at Recycling & Transfer Station

The second order of green and white signs for the Transfer Station has been delivered and will be installed soon.

Updated Brochure

The newest brochure is ready for copying, distribution and the website. Mary made copies for town hall and the Wadleigh library. Dave Wheeler made another 500 more color copies for the Transfer Station. Mary Burdett delivered these to their respective locations.

Town Website

The town webmaster has updated the Transfer Station and Recycling webpages and has uploaded the new brochure.

Zero Waste Event-- Jerry described the Zero Waste event scheduled for May 19th at the Amato Center. Milford Thrive and Beaver Brook Nature Center will be co-hosting [Bea Johnson-The Zero Waste Family](#) (see TED talk). The Recycling and Solid Waste Committee can promote this event and plans to create a display of recyclables currently accepted at the Milford Transfer Station. We also will display alternative items to reduce single use waste as well as a composting display. Other educational displays on the topic of waste minimization are welcome.

Diane Varney Parker is still hoping to have Bea Johnson visit and speak to students at the Milford Middle School earlier that day. She will coordinate with Nancy Amato regarding this.

Tshirts for Still Good Shed and other Volunteers. Upon request of this Committee Rick Riendeau, DPW Director ordered a dozen green Recycling Volunteer Tshirts to better identify volunteers at the Transfer and Recycling Center. Tammy will distribute these.

Solid Waste and Recycling Data for Town of Milford--Rick Riendeau handed out a chart of historical data that includes the weight of Trash, demolition waste, glass, batteries, electronics, freon units, propane tanks, tires, aluminum, cardboard, mixed metal, mixed paper, #1 & 2 plastic bottles, and textiles from 2006-2019.

Composting at the Transfer Station- Rick said DPW will be turning the compost piles at the Transfer Station. Members of the public are still able to pick up unsifted compost and finished wood chips at the transfer station.

Information on composting at the Milford Transfer Station needs to continue. Home owners can put kitchen compost in the 3 sample bins by the Still Good shed or drive it up the hill to the leaf composting piles. Kitchen compost should not contain meat, dairy or oil.

4. **New Business**

John Shannon, new Town Administrator for the Town of Milford introduced himself.

Rick requested the assistance of the Recycling Committee in making a video of the Transfer Station with Chris Gentry of the Town Community Media staff for release on the local cable channels. Someone will be needed to write a script of the step by step processes for using the transfer station (visiting and describing each area and what is accepted for disposal or recycling there) and coordinating with the Community Media Dept.

Reader Board at Transfer Station --Schedule a time to add 'See our composting Area by Still Good Shed' to the Reader Board sign. Possibly add "Compost Challenge" by milfordthrives.org also to the Reader Board. (The [The 2020 Milford Compost Challenge will provide \$50 prizes to residents who sign up and share photos or a visit to their home composting system. It is sponsored by the non-profit Milford Thrives.]

Facebook page- We continue to highlight local businesses that are taking steps to reduce waste. Submissions including photos can be sent to Celeste Barr.

5. **Next meeting**

The next meeting will be March 17, 2020 the 3rd Tuesday at the Milford Police Station Community Meeting Room.

6. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Celeste Philbrick Barr, Secretary

Minutes approved 4/21/2020