

Milford Recycling Committee
1/15/19 Minutes
Milford Police Station Community Meeting Room

In attendance:

Jerry Guthrie
Gary Daniels
Diane Varney-Parker
Celeste Philbrick Barr
Gil Archambault
Tammy Scott
George Hoyt
Mary Burdett, guest/prospective member

The meeting began at 6:30 pm.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes from the December 2018 meeting were approved.

Old Business

Membership-Gil Archambault, Leighton White, and Rob Canty terms expire March 2019.

Rob will not be renewing. Gil will renew his term at the Town Clerk. Leighton can let us know if he wishes to be renewed.

Pay as You Throw Trash disposal (PAYT) Celeste shared a recent finding from research done by UNH that shows trash was reduced in NH towns that instituted Pay as You Throw systems for trash reduction. Article attached.

Composting education:

We briefly discussed how composting can reduce municipal trash weight up to 37%. How do we encourage more people to compost at home? Celeste has materials for setting up displays and workshops on home composting.

Possible workshop locations: Voting day at the Polls. Garden club sale on Community House lawn. Farmer's Market indoor or outdoor. Earth Day Sustainability Fair.

Open Houses at Milford Schools. Farm stands. Peach Festival Lull Farm. Wadleigh Library. Adult & children's programs.

School STEM fairs.

Look up Video about how to compost and have it added to the town website.

Plastic Bag Ban

Waiting on NH Legislature to enable town to consider plastic bag ban.

Public Recycling Barrels

Tammy is checking on the availability of free new recycling barrels. If some are available, Jerry will paint them. Any new barrels will need new lids. The Town has paid for the lids in the past. If some barrels are placed at the MMS or MHS fields, we need to coordinate with the school district about emptying.

Check with Peter Basiliere to make sure that recycling barrels are in the gym during election days. Diane can make sure.

Signs for Recycling Center

Tammy will ask Rick if there is ~approximately \$300 available for 7 printed metal signs better identifying recycling areas.

New Business

Gil nominated Jerry Guthrie for Chairman. Elected unanimously.

George nominated as Vice Chairman. Elected unanimously.

Celeste nominated for Secretary. Elected unanimously.

Jerry Guthrie, Chair, will write a letter to the Selectmen recommending Mary Burdett as a new member.

Diane has been taking the compost home from MMS because they have not found a person or business to take their compost. After educating the whole school population and staff about composting, she does not want to abandon the progress and the process. If anyone knows of a farm or soil business that composts and would take this organic material, please notify the committee or Diane Varney Parker at Milford Middle School.

The Green Club purchased plastic totes for each classroom for bottle and can recycling.

No changes have been enacted from the meetings with the other schools and the Superintendent's office.

Celeste will contact Linda Calo, MMS Consumer Education re: boomerang bag sewing. Green Week/Earth Day?

Gil said that the Budget Committee was examining the budget increases at DPW due to Demolition and trash disposal fees have increased. They asked what the status of PAYT is in Milford.

Name Change

Environmental Action Committee was suggested.

Milford Recycling & Solid Waste Committee is the official name so maybe that's comprehensive enough. We should review the current ordinance next meeting.

We decided to table the name change until we review the ordinance.

Proper disposal of Medical Needles/Sharps

1. Loose medical needles are not accepted in the trash nor should they be flushed down toilets. Inexpensive medical sharps waste disposal containers are available locally at Walmart and other medical supply companies. These containers are leak-proof and puncture proof. If you use a plastic medical waste container, bring them to Southern NH Hospital or St Joseph's hospital for medical waste disposal. There is a "Sharps" collection vessel in the entryway of St. Joseph's Urgent Care Center in Milford.
2. Needles are not accepted at NRPC household hazardous waste days.
3. Alternatively, because Milford's trash goes to an incinerator, residents may use a metal coffee can to dispose of medical sharps. The lid must be taped shut and the can must be disposed of in the trash container, NOT IN RECYCLING.

Glass Recycling

Milford is only accepting Brown, white, and green glass bottles (such as beer, liquor, and glass jars). Pyrex, mirrors, ceramic and porcelain bathroom fixtures, are NO LONGER recyclable in Milford.

Future meetings

Jerry has requested the meeting room at the Milford Police station for 3rd Tuesdays for 2019.