

Milford NH Recycling and Solid Waste Committee Meeting Minutes

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

Via Zoom Meeting

In Attendance:

Celeste Barr, Chair

Nancy Amato, Vice Chair

Mary Burdett, Secretary

LaShanta Magnusson

Gary Daniels, Selectmen's Rep.

Kathy Fay

1. **Opening.** The meeting was opened at 6:31 p.m. by Chairperson Celeste Barr

2. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve December minutes made by Nancy, second by Mary approved. Motion to approve February minutes made by Nancy, second by Mary and approved: all in favor. January meeting cancelled due to zoom not working correctly.

3. Old Business

A. glass recycling: no updates at present

B. Update on ordinance: Gary stated he spoke with Tina and she is not familiar with the numbering system. Gary stated he would look into numbering the ordinance update. Gary questioned if we need to change the ordinance to account for changes at the recycling center. Discussion that ordinance should not be so specific that it is unable to account for changes.

C. LaShanta states she is still trying to get a meeting with town hall to get sworn in as member of committee. Celeste sent a letter to Tina for George and Kathy to continue as members. Diane will be stepping down. This will be on the BOS agenda. We have room for new members.

4. New Business

Recycling Update: The transfer station has reinstituted plastic recycling.

Presently, staff has signage explaining plastics and what to recycle and feel it is going ok. Plan is to check in with Tammy after it has been in place for a bit and see where we might be able to assist with signage, etc.

Updating the Website: If we have changes, we need to reach out to Tammy or Rick. They can authorize changes, updates. Celeste has sent updates to Rick. Granit town media runs the website.

Celeste and Mary will look at the brochure to check for wording in relationship to changes at the Recycling and Transfer station. Enforcing was also mentioned without definitive plan.

Update from LaShanta on cork recycling and Terracycling: LaShanta states the Terracycle is the only place that does cork recycling at this point in time. She will sign up as a community organization and therefore be able to set up an account. Will probably receive \$0.10/cork LaShanta will keep the committee updated. States it will not cost us to ship. Gary questioned if we are listed as a center for cork recycling would that mean other towns could come and

deposit their corks. LaShanta stated probably not but that she would check on that. Nancy brought up the goal of having Bae Johnson come at some point (had planned last spring but cancelled due to COVID pandemic). She will touch base with her for the future. Discussion re: composting. Celeste stated that Lebanon has a good brochure. They have one of the most progressive composting programs in the state. Nashua facility has been selling composters for 20 years. They track how many new composters each year. This is not a new idea. We could do a graph with estimates of how much compost. Celeste suggested we could keep a graph and use this to educate: we have composting at the center, encourage home composting. Food waste accounts for more than 2000 tons at the center. We pay for this. If composted, decrease tonnage at center, save economically keeping food out of trash and improve environment. Plan: make a flyer. Some committee members suggested using a UPC code (QR code). Plan: sit at the transfer station and discuss with people: will do this in May. Update on video: Mary and Nancy will plan out video and then collaborate with Tammy and Rick. After collaboration, will check with Granite Town Media and put it together. Gary stated he would like to bring the recycling committee in to BOS to give an update on composting. Education outreach may not be able to happen as broadly as hoped due to COVID restrictions.

Meeting Adjourned at 1922.

5. Next meeting

The next meeting will be April 20, 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