

May 18, 2021 Milford's Recycling & Solid Waste Committee Minutes

In Attendance by zoom:

Celeste Barr, Gary Daniels, George Hoyt, Kathy Fay, LaShanta Magnusson, Nancy Amato

Nancy motioned (2nd Gary) to approve April 2021 minutes with one correction (date re. Bea Johnson) All in favor.

Kathy Fay is still interested in being on the committee and will go to Town Hall to be sworn in.

Update on Ordinance: Gary hasn't had a chance to clean up the hyperlinks. Celeste indicated she would work on it. Gary will contact the Town Administrator for clarification regarding penalties for non-compliance. The BOS is the enforcing body. George will find out what the town of Amherst does regarding fines. A research project regarding 'Pay As You Throw' was done previously. Celeste will share that study with the committee.

Gary mentioned the BOS would like to meet with town committees in July and August and will keep us posted. They plan to continue zoom meeting as long as possible.

Compost: It was suggested that homeowners and landscapers might be interested in purchasing some of the finished compost in larger quantities.

No new information regarding glass crushing.

A few residents have expressed frustration with the new recycling system although it increases revenue when we further separate recyclables. It would be good if new signage could be ordered for the Recycling Building and 'Sieved Compost by Bucket' area. A sign to show residents the financial benefits of recycling could also be ordered.

On Saturday morning, May 15th Celeste, Mary and Nancy were at the RC with a compost display and handed out information regarding composting, Milford's Compost Challenge and gave away 60 bamboo toothbrushes. It was agreed that meeting with residents this way was very helpful.

Website Updates: There are quite a few updates that Celeste resent to Chris Gentry. The changes/updates to the website have not happened to date.

Granite Town Media signs: we would like to replace them with one fact about textile recycling and one about the benefits of composting. Examples: 80% of textiles items that could be recycled are land filled or incinerated, 20-40 % of household waste is compostable. Nancy will ask Ryan Hansen if he remembers the size of the signs. Should we go with metal, corrugated plastic, UV film?

Compost Demonstration Area: we would like to find a better way to capture compost. Gary suggested a palletted container next to glass recycling might be easier and work well with traffic flow

Gary mentioned Town Hall was re-opening May 17th. He will ask Rick and Tammy about the reopening of the Still Good Shed. Can we utilize volunteers and use Sign up Genius to find more volunteers?

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Milford Garden Club's Plant Sale May 2022: we would like to have representation there to promote the 5 R's. Nancy will keep the committee updated.

Terracycle Cork Recycling: LaShanta is looking for places in the community to collect wine corks similar to the small book library across from Milford Middle School. Some local restaurants are on board and saving corks along with committee members.

SHARE Garden: George mentioned that the raised bed gardens at Share are not being utilized and if any of us are interested in helping out or know someone who might be interested please contact Chris Jansen at Share. Water and compost bins are available. The program could be similar to Grow Nashua-a subscription service.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at 6:30 pm by zoom. Nancy motioned to adjourn (2nd Kathy) All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Amato