

Milford Recycling and Solid Waste Committee Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2020 6:30 p.m.

Via Zoom & Granite Town MediaMeeting

In Attendance:

Jerry Guthrie, Chair
Celeste Barr, Secretary
Gary Daniels, Selectmen's Rep.
Mary Burdett, Vice Chair

Nancy Amato
George Hoyt

1. **Opening.** The meeting was opened at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Jerry Guthrie.
2. **Approval of Minutes** The Committee voted unanimously to accept the April 2020 minutes.

3. Old Business

Revised Ordinance--Has been sent to Tina Philbrick for proofreading and numbering. Gary will follow up on this.

Signage at Recycling & Transfer Station

Mary ordered 2 'Got Compost ?' signs for the Transfer Station from the NH State Prison sign shop.

The Zero Waste Presentation with Bea Johnson is postponed indefinitely. Nancy will email Bea to ask what her plans are for future presentations.

Social Media Updates

George will post an update on our Facebook page that glass is being accepted for recycling again.

Celeste will post a notice with photographs that sieved compost is available free to residents by the bucket.

New Business

Milford Thrives has 52 participants in the Milford Compost Challenge. 35 people received free Earth machine Composters.

Recycling and Solid Waste Mission statement

Was approved by the Committee:

The mission of the Solid Waste and Recycling Committee is to encourage people to practice the 5 Rs: Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Rot (compost) and Recycle. The goal is to consume less by refusing and reducing purchases (especially single use materials), reusing

and donating materials, composting their organic kitchen and garden waste and recycling what cannot be eliminated or reused.

Together with town officials, we can implement town policies, improve the current programs, and expand efforts to meet or exceed the waste reduction and recycling goals. By reducing natural resource waste and supporting the purchase of products with recycled content, we can improve the health of our environment and economy for generations to come.

Gary will take this to the Selectmen. We will ask the Selectmen to update the Charge to the Recycling and Solid Waste Committee (last updated 2011).

DPW Recycling and Trash Data

The committee discussed methods to share the cost savings of composting with the public. Every ton of compost removed from the waste stream saves \$100.

Transfer station video tour - Mary and Nancy volunteered to work on this with Rick Riendeau.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be June 16, 2020-via Zoom meeting.

6. **Adjournment:** George moved to adjourn the meeting. Celeste seconded the motion. Participants unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Celeste Philbrick Barr, Secretary