

Milford Recycling and Solid Waste Committee Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Milford Police Department

In Attendance:

Jerry Guthrie, Chair	Mary Burdett
Celeste Barr, Secretary	Nancy Amato
Gary Daniels, Selectmen's Rep.	Diane Varney-Parker

1. **Opening** The meeting was opened at 6:40 p.m. by Chairman Jerry Guthrie.

2. **Approval of Minutes**

The Committee voted to accept the September 19, 2019 minutes at 19:15 when quorum was met.

3. **Old Business**

Recycling Ordinance update:

The committee wishes the ordinance be reviewed by Tina Philbrick. The link to the last version edited by the committee is

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1jGThs9dWEpUjOF8aVtUoaBc38d5_LZmtWp2wJibTsNE/edit?usp=sharing

We will ask she proofread the ordinance, check our numbering system and confirm if Milford Municipal Fines match up with violations of ordinance.

Public Recycling Containers

Jerry inventoried 18 recycling vessels placed around Town parks and public locations. Nancy Amato said that a water refill station was installed at MCAA reducing the # of single use plastic water bottles sold at the park to 2 cases for the season. The installation of a water refill station at Town Hall (outside) may reduce plastic water bottle use and encourage refill of reusable bottles.

Recycling Brochure

The committee reviewed the new brochure once to include a few updates from Tammy. Volunteer Bill Burdett will make the edits and then copies can be made for the Recycling Center and Town Hall and Library. Any edits can easily be made if the fees or hours of operation for the Recycling Center change again.

Milford Middle School Recycling Update:

Diane shared the webpage from MMS detailing the items collected at their school for recycling through Terracycle <http://mms.milfordk12.org/files/2017/10/Terracycle-web.pdf>

MMS continues to collect and weigh plastic film for recycling to make TREX plastic lumber as part of a challenge. However the residents can email Diane their plastic film weight recycled and bring directly to bins at Shaws, Market Basket, Target, Whole Foods or Walmart. Most bins are located inside the entrances to these stores.

- **Please recycle only clean, dry plastic bags and film. Remove receipts or any other items from bags. Such as:**
- Retail, carryout, produce, newspaper, bread, and dry cleaning bags (clean, dry and free of receipts and clothes hangers)
- Zip-top food storage bags (clean and dry)
- Plastic shipping envelopes (remove labels), bubble wrap and air pillows (deflate)
- Product wrap on cases of water/soda bottles, paper towels, napkins, disposable cups, bathroom tissue, diapers, and female sanitary products
- Furniture and electronic wrap
- Plastic cereal box liners (**but** if it tears like paper, **do not include**)
- Any film packaging or bag that has the How2Recycle Label shown at right

**Not all items are accepted at all drop-off locations. Check with your local drop-off to see what is accepted.*

Do not include:

- Degradable/compostable bags or film packaging
- Pre-washed salad mix bags
- Frozen food bags
- Candy bar wrappers
- Chip bags
- Six-pack rings

Diane is aiming to hold a Green Week again in spring 2020 at MMS since they cannot host a Trash on the Lawn Day by NRRA this year due to scheduling.

Diane is also looking at a milk industry challenge for recycling milk cartons.

New signage at Recycling/Transfer station: The new green and white metal signs are installed at the Transfer station. Additional signs will be ordered. (Mary will followup with Tammy to place the order at the NH Prison sign shop same size, color, finish) reading:

- DROP METAL HERE
- COMPOST HERE: No meat or dairy

- COMPOST LEAVES, GARDEN VEGETATION & GRASS HERE
- BATTERIES (is this for regular alkaline batteries?)
- FEE for Auto-ATV-Lawn BATTERY DISPOSAL. See Attendant.
- ELECTRONICS. See office for fees.
- LEAVES & WOODY BRUSH <5" diameter
- NO HAZARDOUS WASTE IN TRASH

Permanent Reader Sign on Trash Building: After the November Hazardous waste drop off, committee wishes to help Tammy change the lettered sign on building at recycling center for "tip of the month". It could include amounts Milford has recycled, the money saved, "get your Dump sticker" . Recycle your textiles incl. single socks, shoes, belts, towels, purses etc.

Nancy will try to reach Ryan Hansen regarding the advertising space above the letter reader board.

Celeste volunteered to make laminated paper signs to replace handwritten signs in the Still Good Shed and for Battery disposal fees.

Town of Milford Facebook Page questions/issues:

Diane brought the plastic film recycling information to the meeting to answer this question on the Town Facebook page. Though the Milford Middle School weighs and collects plastic film for a recycling challenge, the public can directly recycle plastic films in bins at Shaws in Milford, Market Basket in Milford, Target, Walmart and Whole Foods on Rt 101A. This has been shared on the Town Recycling Facebook page but can be reiterated and added to the brochure.

Potential additional recycling in the Still Good Shed

- Find bins and volunteer to oversee recycling of bubble wrap /reusable packing materials.
- Investigate setting up a cork recycling bin in the Still Good Shed if someone wishes to manage it. Promote that Black Forest Cafe in Amherst has a cork recycling station.
- Have committee volunteers do a cleanup of still good shed: vacuum and sweep. Add labels or hanging signs for items: ie. Household, glass, games, puzzles, books.
- ReCork recycling bin for real corks.
- Committee members need to research the feasibility of adding the recycling of #5 plastics

4. New Business

Glass and ceramic crushing for road base. Nancy will send Rick Riendeau a video clip about the NH use of crushed road base from glass.

Bea Johnson Zero Waste Program

Date to be determined. (May 2020). Nancy will keep us posted. A goal is to have Bea visit Milford Middle School to see their extensive recycling efforts. Celeste or Nancy will forward links to Bea Johnson's TED talk to rest of committee.

Composting:

Celeste met with Tammy and it was felt that the grassy spot to the right of the Still Good Shed could be a small **composting demonstration area**. Nancy, Mary and Celeste volunteered to set up the area using 1) Earth Machine composter, 2) Green drum composter that Tammy already has on site and 3) building a pallet style compost bin. We will order a new green and white metal sign for this area. There is parking available in front.

Composting Challenge-The new nonprofit Milford Thrives will be offering a composting contest. People can apply with a photo of their composting system. Then after a number of months, send a photo of its use and become eligible for a prize. A site visit might also be required. Nancy and Celeste and others will work on the guidelines and rules for the contest so that it can be rolled out in late winter 2020. We will use the Town Recycling FB page, The Transfer station webpage, the lettered board at the Transfer Center and the Milford Cabinet to announce it.

Education on Social Media:

Will answer pending questions from the public on our FB page.

Promote good actions in the community on the FB page ie. Cirtronics Sustainability committee, green building at Contemporary auto; composting at COHO (with photo of bin). Ask on the community page for suggestions.

Action Items:

When composting and additional signs installed, ask Chris Gendron do a video walking tour of the recycling/transfer station but decided to ask him once the signage is in place and composters in place. Investigate a water refill station at the Town Hall to reduce single use water bottles in town.

5. Next meeting

The next meeting will be November 19, 2019 at 6:30, the 3rd Tuesday at the Milford Police Station Community Meeting Room.

6. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 2030.

Respectfully submitted, Celeste Barr