

Milford Recycling and Solid Waste Committee Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2020 6:30 p.m.

Via Zoom Meeting

In Attendance:

Jerry Guthrie, Chair
Mary Burdett, Relief Secretary
Gary Daniels, Selectmen's Rep.
Nancy Amato
Kathy Fay
George Hoyt (joined at 7:15 p.m.)

1. **Opening.** The meeting was opened at 6:35 p.m. by Chairman Jerry Guthrie.
2. **Approval of Minutes** the committee was unable to open the minutes and will review next month.
3. **Old Business**

Update for committee regarding meeting with selectman:

Signage at Recycling & Transfer Station

After reviewing our requests for signs, John Shannon and the selectman decided to allow for 3 A frame signs. The cost is not to exceed \$700.

Potable Water at the Transfer Station

It was determined after testing that the water is potable.

Plastics and Aluminum recycling

Mr. Shannon said they did not have a specific date and are presently looking at modifications.

Long range plan for Recycling/Transfer Station

After much discussion, Rick stated there is no long range plan but he has been focusing on the "short term". Rick mentioned a glass crushing machine. Gary Daniels suggested goals be written down and Mary stated possibly the committee could work together with Rick on this.

Mission Statement and BOS Charge

The mission statement and charge written by the committee was presented to the BOS. Initially, 2 BOS made a motion to accept the charge. Gary discussed his dissent on the vote during the committee meeting. There was much discussion regarding the word "climate

change” in the charge. At the completion of discussing the above issues, Selectman Labonte asked if the Recycling Committee have any objections changing the Charge if we were to take out the climate change information. Mary stated we should bring it back to the committee. The plan was to return to the BOS after discussing the requested change at our next meeting (9/15)

New Business

Discussion of the Charge started with Nancy making a motion to accept the change with changes made by George Hoyt. This would entail omitting “tackling climate change” and adding “overarching goal of protecting the environment for generations to come”. Gary objected to no mention of financial impact. The committee then updated the charge as followed with changes in red.

Review the needs and the long-term goals of the Transfer Station and Recycling Center, And work annually with the Department of Public Works to contribute input to a Capital Improvement Plan, expand initiatives that promote zero waste and sustainability, and set annual recycling goals.

Investigate and present proposals to the Selectmen to reduce solid waste **with consideration given to the financial impact to the town** and promote environmental sustainability and zero waste.

Submit recommendations to the Board of Selectmen on how best to promote zero waste, environmental consciousness within the Town of Milford, address the needs of the Transfer Station and Recycling Center, with considerations given to the overarching goal of **protecting the environment for generations to come**.

Review Recycling/Solid Waste Code 5.20, and if needed, develop potential revisions and submit recommended amendments to the Board of Selectmen for consideration.

After discussion, Gary stated the charge should be done by the selectmen. The committee decided to vote on the Charge as amended as was the plan after the BOS meeting. Kathy, Jerry, Nancy and Mary approve. Gary abstained.

Plan: Mary is to contact Tina for a spot on the BOS agenda for October.

Next discussion on need for long and short range goals/plans for the transfer station.

Discussed the driveway needing work at the transfer station ? Feasibility of that as the site is capped. Discussed conveyor belt.

Discussed need for BOS to request a capital improvement plan for the transfer station and discussed the committee providing some input.

Discussed that Rick R. is using glass for paving and Nancy questioned whether toilets could also be used in the glass crusher as with other communities who use glass for road work.

Nancy updated the committee on the Compost Challenge

There were 20 winners who won \$25.00

There were a total of 50 people involved

Will offer this challenge again next spring.

Discussed how to document how we are doing as a town with recyclables, demo.

Mary will check with Tammy for input.

George had put on Facebook page that we are looking for new members. Lashanta Magnusson responded and he updated her regarding meeting date/time. Plan: to reach out again.

Update on restarting recycling of aluminum. At BOS meeting, Rick stated he is working on it but did not provide specifics. Gary stated he would contact Rick and look into the issues.

Plan: Will revisit the minutes of Aug. 20 at the next meeting.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be October 20, 2020 via Zoom meeting.
Reminder from Jerry: elections to be done in Dec.

Adjournment: Nancy moved to adjourn the meeting. Mary seconded the motion. Participants unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 723 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Mary T. Burdett, Relief Secretary