

Milford Recycling Committee Meeting Minutes

February 20, 2018, 6:30 p.m.

Board of Selectmen Meeting Room, Town Hall

Members Present	Members Present	Members Absent	Guests
Gil Archambault	George Hoyt	Leighton White	
Diane Varney-Parker	Tammy Scott		
Jerry Guthrie, Vice Chair	Gary Daniels, BOS Representative		
Celeste Barr, Secretary			

1. **Opening.**

- Jerry Guthrie opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

2. **Approval of Minutes**

- Committee decided to wait to approve January minutes until next month.

3. **Old Business.**

- Jerry Guthrie met with DPW to install new recycling barrels. Chains will be installed that connect tops and bottoms and prevent tops from blowing away. This will make a total of 21 recycling bins around public spaces in the town.

Pay As You Throw (PAYT)

- The PAYT Report was submitted to the Board of the Selectmen.

4. **New Business**

Committee Membership

- Jerry Guthrie, George Hoyt and Leighton White are due for reappointment to the committee if they wish. Jerry and George have replied in the affirmative.

Recycling at Milford Middle School

- Milford Middle School achieved the Gold Level (highest level of recognition) for School Recycling with the Northeast Resource Recovery Association. This entitles the school to receive a tree to plant and to send two students to the NRRA Recycling Conference this spring..
- The MMS Green Club will participate in the Sustainability Fair at Wilton Lyndeborough High School on April 14. They will be showing videos on the environment and selling their stainless "Think outside the Bottle" stainless water bottles.
- An MMS Student that has been selected to display her artwork in a Save our Oceans art exhibit sponsored by NH Plastic Pollution Alliance and Art & Dialogue. It will be on exhibit at the Keene Library for the month of April.
- MMS Green Club created a short recycling video and submitted it to the Pepsi Rally as a potential fundraiser. Celeste will send to Town of Milford webmaster to ask if the video can play on the Cable access channel.
- MMS hopes to schedule another Green Week this spring. They are waiting to find out when standardized testing will occur before they can schedule the special events.

Recycling Presentation

- Celeste shared that she and Diane, along with some other teachers and friends initiated a Boomerang Bag Community project in Milford. They held a pilot Boomerang Bag Sewing Bee on Feb. 3rd at the Wadleigh Library. The public was invited to drop in for a demonstration on the making of reusable shopping bags from t-shirts. Educational videos on “The Life of a Plastic Bag” and “Plastic Ocean” were played. People shared ideas on recycling plastic bags and fabrics and other places and events where reusable Boomerang bags could be distributed. The first shop in Milford is using boomerang bags and another two phoned today to request them. Boomerang Bags work to reduce the use of plastic bags by engaging local communities in the making of Boomerang Bags using recycled materials. Boomerang Bags provide a free, fun, sustainable alternative to plastic bags.

Visitors also took a pledge to reuse bags when shopping and to stop using single use plastic bags. The next drop in sewing bee will be at Free Spirit Boutique on the Milford Oval Sat March 10th from 1-4 pm

Volunteers are welcome. They can contact Celeste Barr to donate, sew or distribute bags. Leave a message with the Town Clerk.

Schedule of Future Recycling Education spotlights:

- March 2018 – Paper and Cardboard educational presentation by Tammy
- April 2018 – Electronics educational presentation by Tammy
- May 2018 –Metals educational presentation by Tammy

Future Issues for Consideration

- Creating an educational Transfer Station “tour” video for posting on the Web and viewing on the cable access channel-George will followup with Mike McInerney
- Enhancing the Recycling Brochure—Gary will forward the old recycling brochure to committee members. Should we ask MHS Business Technology or Graphic Arts for redesign.
- Encourage residents to get a current Transfer Station sticker if they have one that has expired

Future Events

2018 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Schedule

Day	Date	Time	Location
Saturday	April 21	8:00 am - noon	Nashua Public Works Garage
Saturday	May 5	8:00 am - noon	Milford Public Works Garage
Thursday	June 7	3:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Nashua Public Works Garage
Saturday	August 4	8:00 am - noon	Nashua Public Works Garage
Saturday	October 6	8:00 am - noon	Nashua Public Works Garage
Saturday	November 3	8:00 am - noon	Nashua Public Works Garage

Locations: Nashua Public Works Garage, 9 Stadium Drive, Nashua (all dates EXCEPT May 5, 2018 which is at Milford DPW, South Street)

For details on what is collected: see <http://www.nashuarpc.org/energy-environmental-planning/household-hazardous-waste/>

5. **Next Meeting.** The next regular meeting of the Recycling Committee will be on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 6:30p at the Board of Selectmen Room.
6. **Adjournment:** **George Hoyt** moved to adjourn the meeting. Diane Varney-Parker seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Celeste Philbrick Barr
Secretary