

Milford NH Recycling and Solid Waste Committee Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2023
At Milford DPW

In Attendance:

Celeste Barr, Chair
Nancy Amato, Vice Chair
Mary Burdett, Secretary
Fred Hobbs

Firewall prevented Zoom meeting capability.

1. **Opening.** The meeting was opened by Chairperson Celeste Barr at 6:38 p.m.
2. **Approval of Minutes** motion made to approve minutes from January 2023 and February 2023 by Celeste and Fred: all in favor

3. Old Business

- A. Historical Data: no new information
- B. Renewals: Celeste has been sworn in for her new tenure. Will follow up with LaShanta as she does want to continue.
- C. New members
Plan: put sign up at transfer station
Ask if there is any interest from high school students.

4. New Business

- A. Discussion regarding recycling committee positions. Celeste Barr voted in as chair (Mary made motion, Fred seconded, all in favor)
Fred Hobbs voted in as vice chair (Nancy nominated, Mary seconded, all in favor)
Mary and Nancy as co secretary (Fred nominated, Celeste seconded, all in favor)
- B. Discussion on Saturday, April 22, Earth Day.
Our focus is on composting and textiles.
Will put up a pop-up canopy lent by the Rec Dept.
There will be 3 tables: Celeste will bring.
Free lilac plants donated by Celeste for those bringing composting (will be picked up by Mary on Friday)
Boomerang bags: Celeste will bring.
Educational materials lent from the Amherst Garden Club and Beaver Brook on composting, worm composting: Celeste will bring.
Ecosmith will arrive before 8 and will be there from 8-3 (verified by Mary)
Kick off for composting: Richie from transfer station is knowledgeable about mixing leaves and has been helpful with that.
- C. Fred would like to look into commercial worm bins.

- D. Nancy brought up a discussion about using the big sign: the committee would like to use it to increase awareness of composting, textile recycling, diversion, reuse.
Plan: Nancy will call selectman and ask them to fund putting it up professionally.
Idea: "repurpose, reuse: give things a new life at the Still Good Shed" We need to get dimensions of sign, would want UV resistance as it faces south.
- E. Discussed tour of the transfer station that was done by video by Tina Raczek.
Plan try to contact Tina and discuss adding food composting area, food, and leaves on top. Nancy will contact her.
- F. Discussion: Leo is looking at the capital plan.
Fred would like to discuss subcommittees working on revolving funds, and a change in solid waste management rules by 2026. Will discuss further.
Discussion: There is a NH legislative committee: NH Solid Waste working group. 2 Amherst reps are on it: Megan Murray and Karin Ebel. Michael Nork from DES is a resource on composting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m. Fred motioned and Mary seconded: all in favor.

5. Next meeting

The next meeting will be May 9, 2023, at 6:30. Location: DPW.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Burdett, Secretary