

Milford NH Recycling and Solid Waste Committee Meeting Minutes

June 20, 2023
At Milford DPW

In Attendance:

Celeste Barr, Chair
Nancy Amato, Vice Chair (via Zoom)
Mary Burdett, Secretary
Fred Hobbs
Leo Lessard, DPW Director
Gary Daniels, Selectmen's representative

1. **Opening.** The meeting was opened by Chairperson Celeste Barr at 6:35 p.m.

2. **Approval of Minutes** motion made by Celeste to approve the May 2023 minutes
seconded by Fred: all in favor.

3. Old Business

A. Historical Data: We stressed the importance of seeing and understanding the volume and weights of the waste stream. This is a critical measure to evaluate changes in operations and to measure improvement. Fred offered to work on creating a spreadsheet. Celeste will forward historical data to him and he will follow up with Tammy to get recent years of data to add to it.

Historic and present recycling/trash data for the Milford Transfer Station on the state website. Here is a link, you can also see the 2021 annual report for the transfer station:
<https://www4.des.state.nh.us/DESONeStop/SWFDetail.aspx?ID=0000451>

B. One staffer at the Transfer station has been out on medical leave so the facility remains shorthanded.

C. Renewals: Celeste has been sworn in for her new tenure. Will check with LaShanta if she has been sworn in by Town Clerk for this term.

D. Seek New members:

- via letterboard at the transfer station after Household Hazardous Waste collections end.
- Ask Advisor for MHS Green club if there is interest from high school students to serve as representative
- Advertise openings on Solid Waste Facebook page.

E. Signage at Transfer Station:

Nancy asked Brian Crow at SpeedPro for estimates on 2 signs: To cover large sign high on Trash Building with a message on Textile and composting and a new sign for the Still Good Shed. Will report back with his quote. If we need to get a 2nd quote, we will.

- F. Tina Razcek's video on the Recycling Center– Nancy and Celeste will keep pursuing Tina's Phone number in order to ask her if she can update her video with composting (as she offered to do this).

4. New Business

- A. Celeste & Tammy gave a tour to the Amherst DPW Dir. and Transfer Station Mgr. around our Transfer Station. Main topic of conversation was composting.
- B. Leo shared information from a presentation he attended at NRPC on #6 Foam Recycling. [Foam Recycling Public Flyer \(gilfordnh.org\)](http://gilfordnh.org/Flyer%20-%20GSWC%20Foam%20101.pdf)
[Flyer - GSWC Foam 101.pdf \(gilfordnh.org\)](http://gilfordnh.org/Flyer%20-%20GSWC%20Foam%20101.pdf)
This is a program with Northern NE Rotary Clubs. If a community can store and deliver their foam to Gilford, a guest pass will be granted for foam dropoff.. It is compacted into ingots and sold.
- C. Tammy and Celeste learned that the town still needs to submit a "Notice of Intent to Operate" for the Food composting permit. Celeste, Leo and Tammy will schedule a time (Monday) to complete the form and an Operating Plan.
- D. Posting of minutes and agendas was discussed. It was decided that Celeste should ask for a town email address to alleviate problems getting emails received at Town Hall.
- E. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Mary motioned and Celeste seconded: all in favor.

5. Next meeting

The next meeting will be July 18, 2023, at 6:30. Location: DPW.

Respectfully submitted,

Celeste Barr, Acting Secretary