Milford NH Recycling and Solid Waste Committee Meeting Minutes

December 20, 2022 At Milford DPW

In Attendance:

Celeste Barr, Chair Nancy Amato, Vice Chair Mary Burdett, Secretary Tammy Scott Fred Hobbs LaShanta Magnusson (remote) George Hoyt (remote)

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

2. **Approval of Minutes** motion made to accept November minutes by Nancy and seconded by Celeste. All in favor.

3. Old Business

- A. Historical Data: George is continuing to work on this.
- B. Update on Composting permit: the permit has been received! It allows us to add 20% organic to leaves. Plan: next meeting will discuss how Tammy and Leo want to handle mixing. Discussed making a Plan: 1:3 (1 part green and 3 parts brown) will need a larger area for composting as we are finding that more people are coming to use our current area. Fred suggested having a meet/greet to educate the public. Celeste added this would be a good Earth Day activity. Goal of this year's Earth Day will be composting.
- C. Communication to SAU: Plan: speak with Diane and get her input on "Trash on the Lawn" and what other types of community clean up with schools. Plan: get a few dates from Diane to go to the school and meet with students and then superintendent. Goal: to see where schools are at recycling.
- D. Revolving fund: discussed pros and cons of revolving fund. Revenues are unpredictable: our recycling revenues have been unpredictable especially since 2018. It has been volatile which makes budgeting difficult. Plan: read NH plan for environment. Fund at \$50,000. Go to BOS meeting on 12/27 at 1930.

4. New Business

A. Social Media and Public Education: LaShanta said she would help: would like to make posts more consistent. Ideas: what to do with Christmas trees, talk about how Milford does recycling: our recycling is not going into the waste stream, wrapping paper, remove Styrofoam, Christmas lights can be recycled...

B. Master Plan: discussed whether Leo and Tammy would like to do a 5-10 year plan.

Meeting adjoined at 7:50 p.m. Fred motioned and Nancy seconded: all in favor.

5. Next meeting

The next meeting will be January 17, 2022, at 6:30 at the DPW.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Burdett, Secretary