

May 17, 2022 Solid Waste and Recycling Committee minutes/6:30 pm at DPW Building

In attendance: Tammy Scott, Celeste Philbrick-Barr, George Holt, Fred Hobbs, Gary Daniels, LaShanta Magnusson, Nancy Amato

April minutes: Gary made a motion to accept the minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Celeste. All in favor.

Fred Hobbs has been sworn in and during his interview, let the BOS know about the Earth Day textile event. We are looking for additional members. Celeste will send Jonathan from Eco-Smith an invitation to our next meeting. Kathy Fay's swearing in is still pending.

Tammy mentioned that we have full volunteer coverage at the Still Good Shed. There is a new volunteer on Tuesday mornings who is great. Celeste checks the shed once a week or so.

Celeste has placed brochures at ten different businesses including County Store, Agway, Blue Seal and Tractor Supply. She has brochure stands if we have other places to put them.

Milford hosted a successful Hazardous Waste Day on Saturday, May 7, 2022 from 8am-noon with 160 cars coming through. Three people from NRPC attended with a Hazmat crew. It took until 3 pm to get packed up. This event happens every other year in Milford. Nashua's Hazardous Waste Days are scheduled in June, August, September and November 2022 at a facility on Crown Street.

Ecosmith sent a check for \$339. During the Earth Day event, 2350 lbs of clothing/textiles were collected along with 980 lbs of shoes. Gary will meet with Paul Calabria to see if a fund could be set up similar to Recreation Committee's revolving fund to be used for our projects.

Tammy requested that some clothing bins be removed & received no response. We can scrap metal the bin.

Fred has been canvassing neighborhoods to see how many of Milford's 6500 residences utilize private haulers. Of 240 residences, 35 or 15% used private haulers for trash removal.

Tammy & Celeste will connect to finalize the composting permit and get it sent in to Michael Nork at DES.

Tammy attended the NRRRA Conference. Apparel Impact is a company that will collect and distribute clothing locally and for large disasters. There were round table discussions concerning what to do with batteries, solar panels, needles, contaminated waste oil. Income from aluminum cans was .60 per lb. It is now \$1.08.

Starting August 2022, residents can dispose of brush for free, contractors will be charged \$100/ton. Disposal of leaves is free to everyone.

Plastic Free July: information with tips for our Facebook page can be sent to Kathy, George or Celeste. Milford Thrives will have labels saying – 'Plastic Free is the Way to Bee' that will be available to give out in the community.

Of interest: 2019 Solid Waste working group including Rep. Ebel and Murray will conclude November 30, 2022 with their findings. (HB413) NOFA.ag.conference is hosting a conference in August with a focus on composting and permaculture. Grow Nashua is offering a bi-weekly/weekly pick up/drop off compost service.

Our next meeting: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 6:30 pm at DPW

At 7:46pm, Fred made a motion to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Celeste. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted.

Nancy Amato