

4/14/22 Recycling Committee Meeting minutes

Meeting minutes for March accepted with some clarifying discussion around the pay per bag and expanded on Haley Mackey regarding composting interest.

In attendance: Rachel Bartlett, Richard Meyer, Amy Morissette, Dave Poklemba, Vicki Reeder and

Guest: Bob Simoneau

Next Mtg: May 18th at 3:15 p.m.

Introduction of guest with committee team members. Bob has a background in material science that can be useful in the discussions around recycling/reclaim opportunities.

Composting

Vicki presented a handout with some survey questions around composting. This could be added to other survey questions, circling back to the idea of a survey introduced back in Sept/Oct of 2021. The discussion was to only have one survey, not a few on separate topics with the following discussion points:

- Postcard mailing with link to access the survey
- Survey would be conducted online.
- Posted on town website: We cannot use Facebook, as it is not an official town site; but town members could share.
- Mailing and cost of mailings would limit us to one time only.

Newsletter

- Can be posted on Facebook as well as town website
- Handed out at the transfer station

Pay per bag subject to public hearing. Next BOS meeting is the 21st. We are not positioned to take this element up at this time. Select board has ability to accept and implement recommendations, however they always have a public hearing to hear feedback from residents prior to making a final decision to enact. Two items to be discussed are:

- Increase in sticker price \$10 to \$25
- Increase in demolition disposal costs –
 - Receipts will have description of material being disposed of

Items	Fee	Cost
Mattress(Crib - Twin) Box Spring	\$15	
Mattress(Queen - King)		
Couch, Recliner	\$25	
Sleeper Sofa, Sectional	\$50	
Furniture	\$20	
Appliances, AC unit, Dehumidifier	\$20	
Rugs Under 10x12	\$10	
Rugs 10x12 or Larger	\$20	
Toilets	\$5	
Propane Tank under 20lb	\$5	
Propane Tank 20lb and over	\$10	
Construction Material	\$100 5m Bed Pick-up \$125 Lg Bed Pick-up	
Other		
Other		
Total Due		

Outsourcing of recycle center

This needs more research to provide more information and samples of how successful this type of management has been.

- NRRRA may have some leads on other towns that have done this (currently benchmarked on one town).
- RFP cannot allow town employee to work for contractor; the town employee would have to work for the town.

Recycling/Reclaiming for increased revenue – for highest revenue materials must be fully segregated

Aluminum cans – we currently collect enough aluminum to separate and get compensation.

Plastics - #1 & #2 plastics are the ones that have the most opportunity for revenue.

- Challenge: currently co-mingled and not enough oversight to ensure proper segregation
- Opportunity: extend shed, turn containers so that we can segregate plastics, clear glass, green glass
- Scrap metal – placing (clean) tin/steel cans in dumpster – discrepancy if Scrap-It will take the tin; when Vicki spoke with them they said they do, when Ron spoke to them they said “No”.

Bob suggested that we start to educate users of the recycle center and an opportunity to start with “caps” – caps can be sorted automatically with a separator (vibrating bowl) then plastic can be processed as flake or pellets for recycling.

- Bob will research cost of separation; reach out to some of his contacts to test out a market for this material to help answer – how do we store it? Who is going to take it?
- Maybe there is opportunity for regionalizing this type of reclaim due to scale.

Newspaper no longer being separated due to reduction in volume.

Education

Education is key to improve recycling efforts. Discussion around amount of plastic in ocean and how what we do impacts that. Discussed how people may understand there is an issue with plastic pollution in ocean, but may not make the connection with what they do here locally to how it can impact the ocean.

Ideas for education: One Saturday per month, focusing on a material and educating for a material science perspective, what is valuable, what is not, i.e., aluminum, tin cans, caps

Recommendation to review 10 Towns Tool Kit (becoming 17 towns tool kit) – enhanced recycling [Ten Towns Toolkit \(10towns.org\)](http://Ten Towns Toolkit (10towns.org))

April 23rd is town Clean-Up Day at 9:00 a.m. – typically this material is believed to go into the compactor. There may be opportunity to segregate out the aluminum cans from this collected trash.

Question was asked what the mechanism for dealing with propane tanks is? We did not have the answer to that, just that we do accept them.

Resources

Signage

NH the Beautiful signage sizing and pricing sheet

Work with Ron to identify what signage is most important to replace – we currently have 60 points that can be allocated for signage (at no cost).

- Demo with pricing – what is accepted and potentially what is not allowed i.e., asphalt shingles

NRRA conference: Due to cost to attend, we can't participate this year but may be something to bring up to allocate \$\$\$ for next year.

- Virtual meeting 4/21 at noon – no cost – Vicki will put together a summary of best practices

Volunteers Kristen Bell just posted a volunteer sign up for the share shack. Revisited ideas for volunteers on weekends to oversee the disposal of materials, i.e., students to meet community service requirements, recycling committee, townspeople, information from virtual meeting.

Follow-up Actions:

Amy to add survey questions for other elements to composting survey questions

Bob to research cap separation and opportunity for reclaim

Vicki – best practices from the virtual meeting

Rachel – working with Ron on signage

Handouts:

NH the beautiful sign rates

Composting survey questions

Receipt for demo pricing

Minutes respectfully submitted 4/19/22 by Amy Morissette