

February 13, 2024

### Meeting Minutes of Recycling Committee

Meeting began at 3:00 p.m. Attending were Hailey Mackey, Ron Fish (Transfer Station Superintendent), Bill McGahie (attending as a resident), Rachel Bartlett, and Jean Prior.

The meeting started with a discussion regarding PAYT (Pay As You Throw). Among the preliminary concerns was the positioning of the containers and the steps involved in implementation from here. The question of bags was discussed; there are four tentative locations for sale of the bags. It was agreed that a one size bag (33 gal) bag would be sold for \$2/bag.

The discussion moved to the concept of recycling glass as a starting point to cut costs and improve recycling habits in town.

- Townspeople will need to be guided in the beginning.
- The concept involves a change in habits, although it was formerly done before the commingling began.
- Composting should be considered for the transfer station.
- Volunteers will be needed to instruct/guide in the beginning.
  - Some of the older students at WES may participate as a community service project. Mark Hayward will be contacted regarding this possibility.
- There are savings to be had if the glass is separated and transported to Keene.

### Research

- Contact Casella to determine the approximate volume of glass in the commingle container presently.
- Determine the rental cost for a dumpster with a cover and what sizes are available.
- Placement of the glass container was discussed, and since a smaller container would be used in the beginning, it could be placed conveniently on site.

### Education Campaign

- Design a flyer seeking volunteers.
- Design and implement an education plan regarding glass recycling.
- Institute an education plan regarding Pay As You Throw (PAYT).
- Research information for Earth Day in April.

Discussion followed based on a concern of Ron's regarding the broken fence at the transfer station. The option of a volunteer committee to repair it was put forward, then it was decided to bring it to the attention of the BOS regarding liability. Jodi offered to put it on the agenda for the next BOS meeting.

The meeting concluded at 4:30 p.m.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.