

11/29/21 Recycling Committee Meeting minutes Updated 1/12/22

\*Revision: changed Triple A to Triple T

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

Guest: none

Meeting minutes from 10/20 were accepted

Next Mtg: December 28, 2021 3:00 p.m.

### **Recommendations to the Selectboard from the Committee**

1. Trucking prices have fluctuated – recommend to put out to bid the trucking
2. Based on the Gilsum learnings – recommendation to put out to bid the outsourcing of the management of the transfer station

### **Agenda:**

#### **Paper/Cardboard** – Richard

Walpole and Chesterfield have similar operations with similar residency. Westmoreland is approx. ½ size.

Storage, bailer are challenges that we currently don't have a solution for and the committee agreed that the expectation for Westmoreland could not be to mirror these locations, but we can certainly learn

Richard provided a handout that broke down both paper and cardboard costing and tonnage over last few years.

Trailing of plywood and bracing system for loading the containers is currently underway. This is an attempt to reduce the trucking associated with shipping containers half full to Keene. Tipping fee is based on tonnage so the savings will solely be with the trucking. Additionally, in the past the containers when stacked would ship full (potential to reduce the 22 shipments by 50%)

Supervisor Job Description item #2 talks about the supervisor responsibility to search the marketplace and make recommendations for sourcing materials out. This is 1<sup>st</sup> year with the new job description. Internet access at the transfer station would allow for research to be conducted.

Recap: Richard spoke with Triple T– pricing increase from \$165 to \$185 reduced to \$145. Verification with Jo Ann. Recommendation to put out to bid the trucking.

#### **Metals Report** – Dave

Scrap It would give container at no charge – call when full and the town would get the pricing for light iron as sorting does not occur at the transfer station. There is potential for increased revenue if metals were sorted. Example: Current pricing (pricing fluctuates on market) Light iron \$120/ton if we segregate copper clean \$3.59/lb, dirty \$2.90/lb.

Challenge with segregation – storage, resources to manage, and ability to move drums

Aluminum cans – Buffums took % of revenue but supplied containers and transport no charge – recently we saw a charge for renting the container

Discussion about putting steel cans in with scrap metal – this would fill in space in the container and increase revenue by not putting into commingled waste container. This is an educational piece associated with how to make the most of recycling.

### **Polling** – Amy & Vicki

No activity on this, discussion is to table the polling until spring – based on our current recommendations, this would be better to review at a later date.

### **Gilsum report** – Rachel

Run by Monadnock Trucking –Gilsum town size is about 800 residents compared to about 1200 residents in Westmoreland (not include Maplewood)

Current cost for Gilsum - \$2K per month they manage all containers, trucking etc.

Center is managed 1 day per week (Saturdays only)

\$3/bag fee – which helps to drive people to recycle

- Compared to household pick-up, a per bag fee can still be much more cost effective. This is an education vs. perception issue.

Action: Rachel will reach out to Town of Gilsum to discuss the scope of work associated with their partnership with Monadnock. This could be used to help develop a scope of work for the needs of Westmoreland for bidding purposes.

Recommendation: Solicit bids for the management of the center. This could be a large opportunity to reduce overall costs.

### **Community Education and Involvement:**

Recycling workshops – Tara Albert at NH DES holds classes and manages transfer stations – Amy will reach out to her to see what type of outreach services there are available. – **Carry over for review in December meeting**

Composting - discussion from October meeting highlighted that on average 30-40% of compacted waste could be composted.

Discussion around opportunities around education and access to community composting. This is not something recommended to look at the recycle center, however if there are opportunities to educate and provide composting resources to residents it could reduce compacted waste.

Vicki will reach out to Antioch and check into the County Farm to see if there are any opportunities for a composting program. Discussion included that having a solution where people can give and take would be ideal.

**To Dos and Follow ups:**

- Amy to reach out to NH DES and NRRRA about outreach recycling education – carry over
- Vicki will explore composting opportunities Antioch & Community Farm
- Rachel will contact Town of Gilsum for Scope of work - Monadnock

**Handouts:**

Recycling Grant awards – 2014

Recycling Bins – Application

Solid Waste Work Group meeting minutes from most recent meeting (no date provided)

Paper/Cardboard recycling breakdown (provided by Richard)

For reference: EPA Booklet – Pay-as-you-throw

Minutes respectfully submitted 12/1/2021 by Amy Morissette