

10/24/222 Recycling Committee Meeting minutes

Meeting minutes Sept accepted

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

Guest: None

Next Mtg: 11/29 9:00 a.m.

Composting

Discussion about composting survey

Online posting for City Compost on the Town Facebook site

Amy still needs to contact City Compost about onsite education related to composting

Outsourcing of recycle center

Monadnock offered to bid running the recycle center the way it is currently operating today. We are not sure what that really means comparative to them operating it similar to how they operate some other recycle centers.

Recommendations for Board

Rachel will draft a letter of recommendations which include:

Recommendation 1 - Evaluate current activities at the transfer station to duties outlined in the job description to identify opportunities. Attendants for key areas – demo dumpster/comingle continue to see opportunities – metal in demo container; this means we are paying in lieu of potentially getting paid. Aluminum cans in co-mingle; this means we are paying in lieu of potentially getting paid. Potential to trace receipts for what we are charging for demo vs. what we are paying for demo?

Recommendation 2 – put out for bid services like trucking so that we have contracted prices. This may open doors for where material is being trucked to i.e., comingle to Keene vs Brattleboro, etc.

Recommendation 3 – Triple T container discussion. Town purchased a 40 yd compactor box with a torpedo design. These boxes rotate, but we seldom get that box back additionally we are getting box style containers in the rotation which fill up quicker requiring more frequent removal. Request to have our container returned to us every other time.

Other discussion

Swap shack – materials are building up and even some staged outside the shed. Materials that should not be accepted being accepted, things with cords (etc.), old skis as examples. These materials end up in demo container (which the town then pays for). Reach out to Kristen to see how she thinks things are going with the swap shack, is it being staffed? Will it close for the winter?

Demo container – location of the container allows for people to go behind it to put things in, and proximity to the swap shack makes it easy for materials to be placed in it without attendants' knowledge. May want to look at more strategic placement of that container.

Discussion around whether the Recycle committee should submit for a small budget for items like mailings etc. Discussion was that we are an advisory committee to the Board of Selectman and if funds are needed, we would go through them, as they have a budget.

Review of Bob Simoneau email – we would like to invite him back to present his proposal to us.

Handouts:

Draft survey, Agenda, costs (2022)

Minutes respectfully submitted 10/31/22 by Amy Morissette