

Town of Westmoreland

Minutes from The Recycling Committee (draft)

Tuesday June 16, 2026

4:00 pm at Town Hall

Attendees: Committee members- Harry Ackerman, Victor Kissell, Barbara Goodine, Hailey Mackey, Nicole Slaughter, Char Russell and Slipper, John Harris (alternate) and Bill McGahie (BOS)

Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm.

- Minutes from May 19, 2026 need to be revised before we can vote on them. Barbara will take care of that.
- Nicole asked for clarification on what the purpose of The Recycle Committee really is about. Harry discussed the Select Board's decision in 2021. The purpose as stated was to provide recommendations for improving the Recycle Center's operation and reducing costs.
- We, as a committee, have made great strides in the past year concerning the Recycle Center and have made many changes/improvements. We need to keep in mind that Bill, as the BOS liaison, is managing the RC. The town hired another person to work 4-5 hours a week doing projects at the RC.
- The update on the green recycling bags is that the bags will also be sold at the RC. Evelyn and Bob have them available for residents who need bags. The three stores will continue to sell them as well. Barn and Thistle, J & J Discount and Market Basket.
- Victor has moved the glass crusher to the RC with help from a friend. Once it is set up alongside the glass container we will experiment with the procedures involved. Eye protection, ear protection and dust masks will be used. This will all be done when the RC is closed to the public.
- Bill has Steve's Equipment coming to look over the compactor's hydraulics, pistons etc. They will make recommendations about servicing. The electrician needs to replace the switch for the compactor.
- We are still collecting plastic bags for the TREX program. Barbara volunteered to bag them up and take the weighed bags to the collection site at Hannafords. As Char pointed out, this is not the best method to deal with plastic bags. Maybe a poster explaining options would be a good idea.
- The committee needs to think about the sustainability of the RC. A capital reserve fund would be a good idea.
- Lastly, let's come up with a way to figure out how many residents are using the RC.

Harry made a motion to adjourn at 5:15pm. Barbara seconded.

Next meeting: Tuesday, July 21, 2026, 4:00pm at Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,
The Recycling Committee