

Town of Westmoreland

Minutes from The Recycling Committee (draft)

Tuesday, January 6, 2026

4:00 pm at Town Hall

Attendees: Committee members- Harry Ackerman, Victor Kissell, Barbara Goodine, Hailey Mackey, Char Russell, Nicole Slaughter, BOS liaison Bill McGahie. Community members Dana Torrey and John Harris.

Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm.

While approving the minutes from Dec. 9th, Char had a question about the purpose of the sandwich boards. Harry explained their use, then Hailey made a motion to accept the minutes, Victor seconded.

It's time to start planning for this new year. Harry pointed out just how far we, as a committee, have come since this time last year.

Harry presented his proposed objectives for 2026:

1. Continue to find ways to save the town money.
2. Win back and win over residents who have opted for other waste disposal alternatives.
3. Increase Recycling Center volunteer corps.
4. Research, develop and vote on the following proposals to the BOS for their consideration:
 - a. Establish a Recycling Capital Reserve
 - b. Sell town-owned bags at the Recycling Center
 - c. Reduce Recycling Center hours
 - d. Align RC staffing with observed resident usage

He asked each of us to consider where we see the Recycle Center in a year. While thinking about what the RC needs in the next year we should consider establishing a trust fund to save money for the future.

Victor had a power point presentation about the savings PAYT has incurred. The big screen wasn't working so he read off the figures from this laptop. (not as effective)

He compared the cost running the RC for a four-month time block.

From August – November of 2025 (this fiscal year) to August -November 2024 (last fiscal year)

- ✓ The trucking and tipping of the compactor was a savings of \$8,700+
- ✓ During this time 55 tons of "garbage" was not sent to the landfill
- ✓ 1&2 plastics and the glass were savings of \$3,700+
- ✓ The bag sales gave us a revenue of \$12,000+

These figures will be finalized to present to the Budget Committee in January.

The Flying Pig Antiques and Mac's Market have received information from WasteZero pertaining to the Westmoreland bag sales.

Hailey presented some information about the Windham County compost program in Brattleboro. She is attempting to schedule a date/time when committee members and volunteers can visit the facility to learn more. Ideas were thrown around so see how Westmoreland can get on board.

Harry made a motion to adjourn at 5:30pm, Hailey seconded.

Next meeting: Tuesday, January 20, 2026, 4:00pm at Town Hall. Please bring your ideas for 2026 to the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
The Recycling Committee