

2-16-22 Recycling Committee Meeting minutes

Meeting minutes for January accepted with a few minor modifications. Updated and resubmitted 2-21-22

In attendance: Rachel Bartlett, Richard Meyer, Amy Morissette

Meeting minutes from 1-3-22 accepted – with a few minor revisions – notes revised

Next Meeting: March 10, 2022, at 3:30 p.m.

Previous recommendations will be presented in document submitted to Selectboard prior to next meeting March 3rd.

- Selectboard meets 1st and 3rd Thursday each month
- Include a pre-amble – overview of the trajectory of trash – Rich will assemble

Formal Recommendations to the Selectboard from the Committee

1. Bid out the transportation (Trucking)
2. Explore outsourcing operations of the Recycle Center for 2023
3. Raise sticker price from current \$10 to \$25 (interim while exploring per bag charges)
4. Increase demo costs to the highest comparable on matrix (Vicki drafting chart)
5. Prohibit Asphalt/shingles at collection site
6. Require material being disposed of to be included on the receipts

Follow up discussion on waste handle compared to Gilsum and Walpole

Westmoreland co-mingle accepts plastics 1-7; Walpole segregates plastic; # 1-2 have value

Co-mingle in Westmoreland container contains a lot of aluminum – this is lost \$\$\$ - education is key

- What happens when material is shipped to Rutland (what does separation look like)?
- What if we collected 1 & 2 only added, co-mingle segregation, other plastics could become demo material

Opportunity for additional paper segregation – separation of newspaper from magazines

Walpole investments have paid off in ability to generate income; 6-8 volunteers at each station

Joanne contacted Gilsum - Monadnock Truck provides all materials including bags, as well as managing any fees – cost is \$21K per year which includes person that works there.

Suggestions from Ron:

Refrigerants:

AC/humidifiers – someone comes to drain the units and we get paid \$15 for one of those items

Stacking cardboard is big improvement – sometimes challenge is material will slide forward

Traffic flow and speed were mentioned as a challenge

- idea of maybe a snow fence to create one way in, one way out
- For speed write down plate and report

Current container placement allows for usage of space behind containers for truck to get in and turn around when taking containers

- Is there a different way to place containers that could support the removal and placement and allow for additional space utilization on the property?

Does Ron have any insight on what he thinks he can do to support the objectives of his role, and what he needs to support him in his role?

Newsletter discussion

Quarterly development of a newsletter for the recycle center – First one to be available for distribution with stickers in May

Educational campaign utilizing Town Facebook page, town website, posting and handouts. The fire station education campaign has been extremely helpful; anything we can learn from them would be helpful.

Ideas for content:

- Intro to Advisory committee
- How to find out information and get future newsletters related to the recycle center i.e., Facebook, town website
- Free shed update and Thank you to Kristen Bell
- Trash to Treasure section – anyone can submit a re-use, recycle story they would like to share on ways to upcycle materials
- Include push to place clean tin cans in steel bin vs co-mingled bin

Minutes respectfully submitted 2/21/22 by Amy Morissette