

## Recycling Committee

### Minutes of January 9 2023 meeting

Present: Richard Meyer, Dave Poklemba, Amy Morissette (via Zoom), Rachel Bartlett and Harry Ackerman

Meeting convened at 3:00 p.m.

Minutes of December 8 2022 meeting were reviewed and accepted. The Annual Report was reviewed and approved for submission for the 2022 Town Warrant.

- Jodi has informed the committee that the decision to transfer to a “pay per throw” system at the transfer station would depend on approval at Town meeting.
- The town-owned torpedo style compactor has a TTT label on it, and no label signifying that it belongs to the Town. If TTT no longer serves as the town trucking company, it would be left on site.
- There was a question regarding signage for the corrugated cardboard. Is it sufficient?
- Keene Transfer station will be called regarding trucking and other pricing policies. Presently, paper and cardboard go to Keene while commingles and compactor go to Brattleboro.

Discussion followed relative to the committee’s goal of reducing the operating costs of the transfer station. Among the ideas:

- Promote discard of tin cans by placing a smaller receptacle near the Scrap-it container and provide adequate signage so people know about it.
- Provide a second sign regarding disposal barrels for aluminum cans to placed beside the other stairway to commingles.
- Increase the sticker price, perhaps with a graduated scale for seniors.
- **Promote recycling** so that less goes into the compactor.
- Promote food composting.
- Restrict the hours of operation.

The last item brought a discussion with two possibilities. The committee will contact Elm City Composting to inquire as to their interest in providing a container for compostable food waste at the transfer station. The second idea was to prepare a flyer regarding recycling and the costs of items placed in the compactor that could be recycled. This flyer would be handed out to townspeople as they came to the transfer station and when they purchased their sticker in May.

An additional concern was brought forward regarding the Swap Shack and the items that are left outside or are otherwise unsightly and not considered to be of value. The committee has no jurisdiction over the shed, but would like to see more thought put into which items are accepted.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m. Next meeting is Monday, February 6 2023 at 1:00.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rachel Bartlett