

6/27/22 Recycling Committee Meeting minutes

Meeting minutes for April accepted

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

Guest: None

Next Mtg: 7/25 3:00 p.m.

Committee currently consists of 4 members. Question was asked if we need to have 5 members. Rachel will go to the Board to determine if we need to advertise for an additional member or if we can continue with only 4 core team members.

Review of Sign for the demo container: sign looks good; suggestion to order additional sign that states other items as determined by attendants

Add to Agenda: List of what has been accomplished

- Shipping/container cost decreased a little bit
- Changes to management of the cardboard dumpster are proving beneficial

Composting

Per Rachel City Composting would be open to having service in Westmoreland if they have 30 households that sign up.

- Weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly pickup options – clean container drop off with each pickup – have the option to get some of the material back for use

Amy to contact Adam Jankauskas at City Compost to get more details, see about getting information that can be used to support a sign-up initiative and if they would have the capability of sending someone for an education day.

Can advertise for sign up on the Town Site, the official town Facebook site, recycling center

Newsletter

Outsourcing of recycle center

Rich reached out to several other towns including Raymond, Laconia, Belmont and Rochester. Learned that there is so much variation between the towns that outsource that it is difficult to really understand specifically how this could benefit or not the Town of Westmoreland.

Suggestion to go to Monadnock trucking on getting specifics on how the program works – Gilsum (fairly comparable about ½ the size of Westmoreland – resident-wise.

What we know of Gilsum is that is approx. \$2.5K/mo and includes a pay per bag methodology

Pay per bag drove a reduction in compact waste of 20 tons to 5 tons. Paying for what you throw positively impacted recycling activities

- Does Pay per bag have to be voted on?
- Town would have to buy bags and make available – town hall, recycle center, maybe some local stores

For true cost savings to the town these 3 options are really the best options that will have the greatest impact:

1. Outsourcing
2. Pay per bag
3. Combination of both

Recycling/Reclaiming for increased revenue – for highest revenue materials must be fully segregated

Glass recycling – Glass has market value – crushed or not

Recommendation from the committee is that the co-mingled recycling station be manned to help ensure aluminum cans are segregated under current requirements

- This could open up other segregation opportunities (such as glass)
- Aluminum cans are not being properly segregated and are going into the commingle dumpster

The committee has learned of a number of best practices from Walpole. We also recognize that Westmoreland is not Walpole, but there are opportunities for Westmoreland that we may be able to take advantage of.

Education

See if City Compost can help with composting education

Resources

Signage

Additional signage for demo container –

Feedback that people don't pay attention to signage so changing it up can be helpful.

Other:

Rachel shared feedback about not being able to see well when exiting to Dave, Dave will do best to clear growth from around the fence to help with the visibility.

Follow-up Actions:

Rich – more research with Monadnock trucking

Rachel – reach out to Select Board about committee members and additional sign

Amy – reach out to City Compost

Handouts:

Dave – Outsourcing and pay per bag outline

Rachel – City Compost flier

Minutes respectfully submitted 7/5/22 by Amy Morissette