

Town of Westmoreland
Recycling Committee Minutes - DRAFT
Tuesday, November 12, 2024 3:30 pm at Town Hall

Present: Rachel Bartlett, Jon Lounsbury, Hailey Mackey, Spencer Clason, David Poklemba, Bill McGaghie (Selectman), Jean Prior

Meeting was called to order at 3:32 pm.

Discussion regarding Casella vs. Ruggiero:

Casella charges \$125 for tonnage and \$160 per haul.

Ruggiero would charge \$108 for tonnage and \$225 per haul.

Bill will confirm the cost differences between Casella and Ruggiero to determine if we will save money by transitioning to Ruggiero, as suggested by Ben Hoy. Bill will check to see how we can end the contract with Casella if we want to use Ruggiero.

Aluminum recycling:

We should compare prices for Scrap-it (Ralph) vs. Buffum. Currently Buffum does the aluminum recycling. Could we get a better price from Scrap-it? Rachel will discuss with Ron.

Discussion on Pay As You Throw (PAYT). Handout from Rachel: •

Bags

\$12,000 line item for bags. Bags can be purchased from Boxes & Bags.

\$11,468.80 per delivery of 128 cases (Walpole buys 256 cases per year)

\$89.60 per case; each case contains 200 bags, 10 rolls of 20 bags each

Each bag measures 35" x 36", draw tape opening, blue bags, "Westmoreland" printed in black

Bags are sold to vendor for \$396 per case. Vendor sells bags at \$2 per bag (\$20 per roll); vendor makes \$4 profit per case

128 cases per delivery / 4 vendors = 32 cases per delivery per vendor

• **Space**

Each carton measures 17" x 13" x 5". Stack of 32 cases: 4 per level, 8 levels of 30" x 30" x 40"

Delivered to *** in town then delivered to vendors (Highway garage? Fire station?) Delivered on 48" x 40" x 3" pallet

• **Advantage to Vendors:** Encourages people to come into retail area

• **Possible Vendors**

J & J (been asked, agreed), Jingles, Mac's, furniture store on Rte 12 near end of 63, Barn & Thistle

We need to have a proposal for a town meeting warrant article to give to the Board of Selectmen at their next meeting. December 15 is the deadline for the warrant.

Changes to improve the Recycling Center will happen in stages:

1. PAYT
2. Infrastructure for sorting recyclables
3. Balers for recyclables

We need to educate the public about the need for change and how the plan will roll out.

A motion to be presented to the Board of Selectmen on November 19:

Motion:

The Recycling Committee recommends instituting a “Pay As You Throw” (PAYT) waste management system to be implemented at the Recycling Center. We propose a 3-step plan to make our recycling center more self-sufficient and potentially profitable. We believe that PAYT is the first step towards this goal. Motion was moved, seconded and passed by the committee.

Drone to photograph transfer station:

Jon has a contact who said he could do it, but nothing has been scheduled. Bill M. said Bill Fletcher is another possibility.

Glass recycling: Rachel distributed handouts from NRRA and Ben Hoy. This needs further discussion. Recycling changes would be part of phase 2.

Spencer and Jon should be invited to officially join the Recycling Committee.

Hailey will come up with ideas for public education, and talk to the WES science teacher regarding involving students.

Jean will also brainstorm ideas for public education.

Meeting ended at 5:00 pm.

Next meeting: December 10, 2024 at 3:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Prior