Town of Westmoreland Minutes from The Recycling Committee (draft)

Tuesday, August 19, 2025

4:00 pm at Town Hall

Attendees: Committee members- Harry Ackerman, Victor Kissell, Barbara Goodine, Hailey Mackey, and BOS liaison Bill McGahie. Town resident Char Russell

Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm.

Westmoreland Recycle Committee had good representation at Old Home Day on the Common. Kudos to Victor and Hailey for their coverage most of the day. At times Victor had to handle traffic control. And Hailey sported one of her many talents riding a unicycle in the parade!

Harry and Bill visited the Keene Transfer Station for an extended tour. Many of our recycling questions were answered.

- Rigid containers with recycle numbers can't be put into the recycle bins. Examples: Home Depot buckets, tar buckets, paint containers.
- Spray bottles need to have the tops removed and put in the trash.
- After #1 and #2 recyclables go to Keene they are sorted and bales for resale.
- All of the glass is broken down in Keene and shipped to Canada for more processing and then back to the US for use in fiberglass.

Volunteers are at a premium. How can we attract more people?

- For each time block we decided 2 people would be sufficient.
- Using Sign up Genius is the best way to see if there is enough coverage.
- We will also have a sheet at the RC to take names, phone number and email addresses.

We need to decide on a contingency plan in case there is no coverage. We need to give our suggestions to Ronnie so he is aware of what will happen.

Barbara will work on some sort of newsletter.

John Harris is working with the cost figures.

Hailey will put a link on Facebook to the town website for new recycling information.

Harry made a motion to adjourn at 5:20pm Victor seconded.

Next informational meeting: Tuesday, August 26, 2025, 4:00pm at Town Hall. All residents are welcome to attend.

Respectfully Submitted, The Recycling Committee