

Town of Westmoreland Minutes from The Recycling Committee (draft)

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

4:00 pm at Town Hall

Attendees: Committee members- Harry Ackerman, Victor Kissell, Hailey Mackey, Barbara Goodine, Char Russell with mascot Slipper, BOS liaison Bill McGahie.

Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm.

Harry made a motion to approve the minutes from Jan 20th and also the Feb 3rd minutes with the correction of March 11th for town meeting. Victor seconded both.

Harry presented 3 issues from our committee survey. There were a few common threads.

- ✓ Not everyone is comfortable answering questions from residents. **Solution:** A large bulletin board to display information. Have handouts or a pamphlet for reference.
- ✓ Residents express concern about the many changes at the RC. **Solution:** It is still a work in progress and eventually there will be specific locations for recycled materials. We need to be more open at our committee meetings.
- ✓ Volunteers were concerned about safety at the RC. **Solution:** We will arrange for a first aid class with the fire chief. Also ask the Select Board to purchase an AED for the RC. And have a poster of Do's and Don't's. For ex: No Flip Flops will be worn while working.
- ✓ **Finally: We need to reward our volunteers!!**

We all need to go to the town Meeting and encourage our friends and neighbors to attend. Nick Germana has agreed to attend the meeting with us. All the data that has been collected so far on the savings at the RC will be available in the Newsletter and on Victor's computer. Bill and Harry will meet with the town moderator concerning procedures at the meeting.

Char presented some information about recycling the sheets of film plastic. She has been in touch with the TREX company and will keep us informed.

Barbara will make a sign for collecting and reusing Hannafords-To-Go paper bags.

Hailey will set up a date for our visit to the Brattleboro composting facility.

At the next meeting we will discuss how to recycle the different types of batteries. And get a presentation ready to have at the Recycle Center.

Harry made a motion to adjourn at 5:30pm, Victor seconded.

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 3, 2026, 4:00pm at Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,
The Recycling Committee