

Strafford Recycling Committee
Minutes April 21, 2015 Upstairs at the Town Clerk's

Approved

Attendees: Michael Scanlan, chair; Corky Scott; David Harris; Dori Wolfe, coordinator;
Calvin Benjamin. Absent: Vince Robinson

- I. Approve Minutes from the last meeting – 3/17 minutes approved.
- II. Old Business
 - A. Yardwaste Collection: Discussion with Jon Mackinnon started, both about yardwaste by 2016 and compost by 2017, possibly using the three year, three section concrete storage areas that can be turned/managed with the town backhoe.
 - B. Green-Up Day and Large Trash Day (May 2): David, Michael and Paul Kristensen to staff large trash; David already checked with Ed Eastman, and will also check with Roz to help direct traffic; Dori to help Danette line up students and will be floater at both sites as needed; Dori to review cost of compactor with GUVSWD so we price trash correctly.
 - C. Upcoming changes from NRRA: New hauler, McNaughton, \$325 per haul; tandem haul possible; third container not permitted; compactor for co-mingled definitely needed in some form or another.
- III. New Business
 - A. Budget Scenarios: Draft budget needs further review (the center showed a loss last year). Additional scenarios need pricing including having our own smaller compactor; using Casella's compactor/can; or even owning our own compactor truck. David to help source containers, compactors, haulers.
 - B. Compactors / Visit to Norwich Recycling Center: Michael and Corky visited Norwich, David visited Bethel – In Norwich, three Casella compactors (co-mingled, cardboard, and trash); recommend leasing the “cans” as they age quickly, but own the compactors.
 - C. Help from GUVSWD: Can take glass (charge \$25/ton to process); Lebanon can take plastic for free; to offset the cost of the center, have fast trash collected there, with special bags, bag stickers, or punch cards sold at Coburns/town clerks.
 - D. Public Meeting – Solid Waste / Act 148: Recycling Committee to be part of meeting to help with future transitions. John Freitag working on an informational sheet – history, Act 148, and town options.
 - E. Aluminum Foil crushing, revisited: Calvin found on-line a used hydraulic baler for recycled materials for \$2,500. This could be used for more than aluminum. Need to learn more about how it works.
 - F. Other: Potluck dinner party to honor Steve Willbanks – Dori to send around a Doodle Poll to find best date. Calvin was nominated, seconded and voted unanimously to become a member of the Recycling Committee.
- IV. Next Meeting: Third Tuesday in May at noon: May 19, 12:00 at the recycling center unless announced otherwise.

Respectfully submitted, Dori Wolfe / Clerk