

Strafford Recycling Committee
Minutes July 17, 2016 – Recycling Center
4:30 PM
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I. Approved Minutes from the last meeting – 6/20/16

II. Old Business

- A. Training on proper disposal of mercury – Ham reached out to Mia Rothlein, ANR for training. Information has been sent for review. To have a training, we need a chest freezer, an old gas stove.
- B. Battery Collection – continue to remind folks – “Recycling Batteries – Manufacturer’s Required to Collect”
- C. Grant for compactor in conjunction with “Trip Tips”; draft was circulated using the compactor David found. Dori to present at Aug. 10 select board meeting. Ham Gillett provided additional possible grants.
- D. Large Trash – Sept 10 – Michael, Scott and Dori so far. Scott will check with Diane about getting students. Michael will check with Roz and others.
- E. Garden pot deliveries – research still to come on which centers will take back which product.

III. New Business:

- A. Budget – since we have to wait for the grant to be awarded and matching funds to be raised or budgeted, the cost/savings from the future compactor should be part of the 2017 budget. Need to reconcile with town report prior to sharing with Select Board.
- B. Zero Sort request and survey of town folk recommended by one community member. After discussion it was agreed to revisit the Casella zero sort compactor cost option for comparison. It was noted that, as is done in Norwich, there would still be sorting of cardboard at a minimum, which provides a decent revenue stream.
- C. Additional committee member – unless one comes forward, it was agreed that for now we are a good size.
- D. Contents for an article for the Strafford News – Recycling Tips including 90% metal to go in the scrap metal container; no window glass; other Recycling Centers open mid-week; taking lids off containers; batteries reminder; and that the next Large Trash is Sept 10 (not Sept. 2 as noted in the GUVSWMD newsprint.)
- E. Separately, Dori to remind volunteers about opening three lids, using the tarp from the railing to the container to minimize spillage; and staying pleasant – we do the best we can!

IV. Next Meeting: Monday, August 15 at 4:30 pm at the recycling center unless announced otherwise.