

Strafford Recycling Committee
Minutes January 22, 2015 at the Recycling Center

Unapproved

- I. Approve Minutes from the last meeting – 12/1 minutes approved as corrected (Act 148).
- II. Old Business
 - A. 5th Container for overflow – Not discussed.
 - B. Bungee cords will be purchased with remaining funds from Marianne Wakerlin.
 - C. Steve presented to the select board the 2015 budget for the Recycling Center as well as a proposed way to deal with the ever increasing cost of recycling and to better meet the pending requirements of Act 148 set to begin July 1st (requiring separation of all compostable material): Have garbage collected at the center, with a portion of the bag fee payable to the town. Other towns have a sticker that must be purchased before being able to use the recycling center, but that is not in keeping with the new law (cannot charge for recycling at the center), and is an administrative burden.
- III. New Business
 - A. Steve submitted the annual report.
 - B. Any trash hauler will have to deal with how to handle recyclables of customers who have their trash picked up during the week and choose not to go to the recycling center. As of July 1, the hauler will need to offer curb side recycling. Please refer to the Annual Report, which clearly explains the ramifications of the new law, as well as the attached ANR handout.
 - C. Consideration of offering single stream collection at the site to accommodate the trash hauler was considered, but deemed not doable at this time. The hauler would need to take their recyclables to a single sort station out of town.
 - D. Steve will check with the town crew as to whether they can tamp down the co-mingled containers mid-week to allow more tonnage per haul.
 - E. We have put in a request to have a compactor, not a trailer, for large waste collection. The bid documents now make this a requirement. Next large trash collection is on Green Up Day, Saturday, May 2.
- IV. Next Meeting: Third Tuesday in February at noon: February 17, 12:00 at the recycling center.

Respectfully submitted,
Dori Wolfe / Clerk