

Strafford Recycling Committee
Minutes May 19, 2015 – Recycling Center

Unapproved

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

I. Approve Minutes from the last meeting – 4/21 minutes approved.

II. Old Business

- A. After the last meeting, Scott Moore requested the committee consider cancelling the May 30 recycling in deference to the B-ball tournament to be held that day. After discussion, the committee voted to cancel, but to advertise well in multiple ways.
- B. Yard waste Collection: On hold – towns that do not have transfer stations (we will have what is called Fast Trash) do not need to comply with the compost/yard waste requirements.

III. New Business

- A. Report on the Select Board Meeting on solid waste: The Selectboard is preparing for a special SB meeting on June 1 on this topic. Tom Kennedy reported that our town does not need to provide composting as we do not have a transfer station, but by allowing a hauler to collect at the recycling center (Fast Trash), the hauler meets the requirements of the law to collect recycling. John Freitag proposed that the town stop paying the annual haul fee (historically paid to support a local haul solution) and invite Durkee Rubbish to collect at the recycling center. The price per bag would be set by Durkee to cover the full cost to haul. The recycling options were discussed, with the most acceptable options needing investment. It was mentioned that the town may receive some unallocated FEMA funds, and if so, possibly a portion could be allocated for investment in containers and a compactor.
- B. Additional 30 yard roll-off Container: It was agreed that having two containers was too difficult for the volunteers, especially on a windy day as the paper/cardboard container filled up to the top the second week. Tom Kennedy found a source for containers delivered for \$4,500. It was voted to acquire one more container for the recycling center as soon as possible. There is currently \$2,813.66 in the Lions Club Town Recycling Fund. The Mascoma Bank grant cycle is not until October, and we heard at the SB meeting that three other requests from town have already been made. It was agreed to ask the Lions Club to contribute \$1,686.34 toward the purchase of a container.
- C. Baler/Compactor: Once a third container is on site, the need to compact the co-mingled items becomes critical. It was agreed that, along with funds to purchase, we also need someone willing to source, set-up and maintain a baler. Without that, this option is not practical. It was suggested that possibly Stephen Martin might be willing to help the committee. Dori to investigate.
- D. Recycling Gardening Pots: The first monthly gardening pots recycling day at Longacres is June 20th. We will advertise to bring pots in on that day prior to 10:30 at which point Vince and possibly David will drive the load down to Longacres.
- E. Electronics Recycling: Saturday, June 13 9-12 at the town garage.
- F. Next Large Trash and Tires: Saturday, September 5. While they also accept used motor oil, so does Stephen Martin, any time of the year. This will be mentioned in the recycling tips.
- G. Other: Potluck dinner party to honor Steve Willbanks – Sunday, May 31 6:30 pm at the Wolfe's.

IV. Next Meeting: Third Tuesday in June at noon: June 16, 12:00 at the recycling center unless announced otherwise.

Respectfully submitted, Dori Wolfe / Clerk