

Strafford Recycling Committee
Minutes June 16, 2015 – Recycling Center

Approved

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

I. Approve Minutes from the last meeting – 5/18/15 minutes approved.

II. Old Business

- A. Cancellation on May 30 of recycling caused an overflow on the co-mingled container on Saturday June 14. Volunteers creatively used every container they could find to allow residents to drop off material. In general, every other week is working, although presenting challenges usually with the cardboard/paper on the second week.
- B. Report from the Select Board Meeting on solid waste: the town is switching to Durkee Rubbish and will put recycling containers next to each Town receptacle (John to help with recycling); the Durkee truck will stay put at the fire station, although the price per bag will go up as the town will stop paying the annual haul fee (historically paid to support a local haul solution).
- C. The Lions Club approved facilitating the purchase of a 30 yd roll-off container, providing the remaining necessary over the Lions Club Town Recycling Fund to purchase the \$4,500 container. Prior to ordering, the Lions Club asked what it would cost to have Casella park a compactor at the center every Saturday 9-12 for “zero sort”. Dori to investigate. Michael will check locally to see if there are any used 30 yd containers to be found and to understand further how Thetford Recycling Center operates, as they own their containers.
- D. Since a third container will emphasize again the need to compact the co-mingled items, the committee needs to visit the Hanover Co-op to see a compactor in action. Stephen Martin (of Stephen Martin Engine Repairs) is willing to help maintain the compactor. However, funds are not yet available for this purchase and would need to wait until next year’s town meeting, or extra FEMA funds are realized and appropriated.
- E. Recycling Gardening Pots: The first monthly gardening pots recycling day at Longacres is June 20th. Vince is on duty, which is a conflict with driving the pots down. Michael kindly volunteered to help. [The next garden pot recycling is July 18th (I can take a load down) – always the third Saturday of the month during the summer months.]
- 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 got mentioned in the recycling tips.

III. New Business

- A. Recycling Tips of the Week: garden pot recycling; No ice cream containers (frozen food packages in general); Caution – not all cat food cans are aluminum – check the magnet!
- B. New Volunteer Schedule to be published.

IV. Next Meeting: Third Tuesday in July at noon: July 21, 8:00 am at the recycling center unless announced otherwise (if raining, meet upstairs at the Town Clerks).

Respectfully submitted, Dori Wolfe / Clerk