

Milford NH Recycling and Solid Waste Committee Meeting Minutes

November 21, 2023

At Milford DPW

In Attendance:

Celeste Barr, Chair
Fred Hobbs, Vice Chair
Mary Burdett, Secretary
Nancy Amato
Dan Sadkowski
Leo Lessard, DPW Director
Gary Daniels (BOS Rep)
George Hoyt (via zoom)
Kathy Fay (via zoom)
LaShanta Magnusson (via zoom)

1. **Opening.** The meeting was opened by Chairperson Celeste Barr at 6:30 p.m.

2. **Approval of Minutes:** Approval of June 2023, July 2023, and September 2023 minutes. Fred motioned to approve, Nancy seconded, and all were approved. October 2023 minutes edit "plans of action": Nancy motioned to accept, Mary seconded and all in favor.

3. Old Business

- A. Mary has not received a username yet for access to submit minutes to the town website. Will speak with Bruce Dickerson.
- B. Data Collection: Discussed importance of getting the historical data sheet completed as we roll out composting. Rationale for data: look at it, assess it and update the community. Tammy sends this data to the state. Discussed if there is a way to obtain it from the state DES website. Leo stated he would call NRRA and inquire if they could help with this.
- C. Our "Intent to Operate" has been completed. Staff have now been trained and there is an operations plan. Leo will sign and submit to state.
- D. Signage: discussed use of money from NH the Beautiful. Discussed possibly ½ to compost buckets and ½ to signage. Will discuss with Tammy also. Discussion on signs in place of Household Waste Only sign: 1. Nonrecyclable and noncompostable, no textiles. 2. Please compost your food waste. 3. Need sign for where metal goes. Gary suggested a sign in the middle that would direct people to metal, bulbs, etc. Celeste suggested using a sandwich board. Plan: start with sandwich board: obtain 3 more. Nancy suggested a banner vs board on the side of the green building where outdated sign is. Gary suggested coroplast for signs. Discussed how long that type would last with the weather. Nancy will call and inquire.

3. New Business

- A.** Attendance criteria: Celeste brought up the fact that we often have had a lack of quorum for the past few meetings. The question arose regarding the possible need for an attendance requirement. Asked what the history of attendance is with the BOS. Gary stated many times, committees will have an alternate. Plan: discuss at next meeting. Please bring thoughts and suggestions.
- B.** The Still Good Shed. There are many useful children's items left at the shed. Discussed it may be beneficial to have a volunteer assigned for kids' stuff. Plan: put on Facebook page.
- C.** Celeste did a Compost presentation for the committee. Thanks, Celeste!
- D.** Styrofoam recycling: in December, the Guilford group will present. Nancy stated she will watch it and update the committee at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 803 p.m.: Nancy made motion to adjourn, Fred second and all voted in favor.

5. Next meeting

The next meeting will be December 19, 2023, at 6:30 pm at the DPW.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Burdett, Secretary