

Milford NH Recycling and Solid Waste Committee Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2023
At Milford DPW Office

Attendees: Celeste Barr, Chair Leo Lessard
 Nancy Amato Gary Daniels
 Mary Burdett
 Dan Sadkowski
 LaShanta tried via Zoom
Paul Karpawich: guest speaker

1. **Open Meeting:** 6:30pm **Opening.** Zoom link: Meeting ID
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Passcode 873868

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82761876663?pwd=dUIGYzE1MEZyZWFiNTV5dXdXUS9hdz09>

2. **Approval of Minutes** Unable to approve July minutes due to lack of quorum. (zoom link not functioning)

3. **Old Business:** A. Granit town media update: any information that comes into Milford Recycling will go out to a committee member under Milford NH recycles. 2 committee members are to be responsible for uploading the agenda and minutes.

B. Signage: George posted the hours of operation for the Still Good Shed social media. Celeste sent composting information to Tina R. to add to the video. Celeste will reach out to her again. Leo updated the committee that the staff is working on changing signs. Nancy updated the committee on quote on cost of signs from Speed Pro: Still Good Shed: 307.11 the large sign by green building is 1158.65 and the small sign is 411.33. Installation and design are 150 for a total of \$ 2027.42. The committee will discuss this at the next meeting.

C. Foam recycling: need to work through the Rotary Club. Leo is willing to speak at one of their meetings on this subject.

4. **New Business:** A. Paul Karpawich of Sustainable Transitions was invited by Nancy to come speak to the committee about municipal composting. Celeste updated Paul regarding what we are doing with composting at the Transfer Station. We are encouraging home composting and working on permitting for municipal composting and the intent to operate permit. Paul spoke about a grant he had obtained and gave to Hollis Elementary school and now they have a program in place for composting at the school led by one of their innovative teachers, Tara. He stated there may be more grants available for Milford schools. Celeste spoke about our MMS program led by Diane Parker Varney that has received many state accolades. Paul said that some of the grant money could go to a lead teacher and lead janitor. Money could be used for education and plans of action. Where does the compost go? Vanguard sends it to Haverill Crescent Farm. This farm uses farm powered anaerobic digesters and biogas powers renewable energy. Paul would act as the liaison for the project. The money saved could go into a 501 3C. The goal is to decrease the amount of waste going into the landfill and increase community involvement. Paul left information for the committee. Plan: to bring to teachers in MES, MMS and MHS.

B. Discussed training the Transfer station staff regarding the municipal composting. This is a necessity for the permit and intent to operate. Leo agreed Wed. Oct 18 after the Transfer station has closed. Training for our committee members will be during the next meeting in Oct.

C. Mary will distribute Transfer station flyers to community stores listed. Dan will set up an area at Market Basket.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 PM. Nancy motioned, Dan seconded, all in favor.

5. Next meeting

The next meeting will be October 17, 2023, at 6:30. Location: DPW conference room.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Burdett, Secretary