



## Recycling Committee Minutes

October 21, 2021

6:30pm – Regular Meeting

At Broadcast Studio

**Recycling Committee members in attendance:** Rolf Olsen, Rep. Jessica Fay, Cathy Gosselin, Karen Lockwood, Susan Accardi, Grace Leavitt

**Recycling Committee members absent:** none

**Town Staff in attendance:**

Don Willard – Town Manager

Nathan White – Public Works Director

1) **Called to order** at 6:30pm by Chair Leavitt.

2) **Approval of Minutes**

a) September 23, 2021

**Motion** to approve as presented by Rep. Fay. Seconded by Mrs. Gosselin.

**Unanimously approved.**

3) **New Business**

a) Presentation by Chrissy Adamowicz – Natural Resources Council of Maine,  
Municipal Solid Waste and Recycling in Maine

China National Sword Program of 2019 stopped the importing of recycle material to China. Maine passed the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Act, the first state in the nation to do this. This Act loops the producers into the system. Go to the NRCM website to see how the EPR will affect towns. Breakdown of MSW is 40% packaging, 40% organics (food and yard waste) and 20% other (clothing, shoes)

b) Presentation by Elena Bertocci – Maine Department of Environmental Protection,  
Reducing Waste and Improving Recycling in Your Community

Hierarchy of Solid Waste Management – Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Compost, Waste to Energy. For information on Maine's Product Stewardship Recycling Programs go to the [www.maine.gov/dep](http://www.maine.gov/dep) website. There are grants available from DEP for waste diversion in the spring and fall to cover compost pickup curbside, compost drop-off location, or to subsidize towns with backyard composters.

c) Review Costs of Waste & Recycling for Previous Year – Don Willard, Town Manager and Nathan White, Public Works Director

Town Manager Willard – The costs are consistent. The budgeted amount is the contractual agreement with Casella.

Public Works Director White – The contract was renegotiated this year with Casella. New this year for 2022 is a surcharge on recycle material. There is a mathematical formula based on the average daily quantity multiplied by the fee per ton. The schools are not included, only residential trash and recycling curbside pickup.

Committee Member Assignments:

- Town Manager Willard will get the Maine Waste to Energy report from John King at Casella and share that at the next meeting.
- Town Manager Willard and Public Works Director White will meet with Casella to prepare for their presentation at the next meeting. Questions for Casella:
  - o what is acceptable recycle material?
  - o Is wet cardboard acceptable?
  - o Is cardboard with labels and packing tape acceptable?
- Chair Leavitt will share her research on the surrounding towns' information posted on their websites regarding recycling and whether they are currently doing what they have listed.
- Mrs. Gosselin will report on Recycling 101, the first recycling class offered by Windham Raymond Adult Education on 10/26/21.

Next Meetings:

- November 18<sup>th</sup>
- December 16<sup>th</sup>

**4) Public Comment – none**

**5) Recycling Committee Comment**

Mrs. Gosselin – The Raymond PTO is having a Shoe Reuse Event. Donated shoes will be sent to third world countries.

Town Manager Willard – very informative meeting and great job by the presenters. Thank

you.

**6) Adjournment**

**Motion** to adjourn at 8:19 pm by Mrs. Gosselin. Seconded by Ms Accardi.

**Unanimously approved**

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Karen Lockwood, Secretary*