



## Recycling Committee Minutes

March 24, 2022

6:30pm – Regular Meeting

Via Zoom

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

**Recycling Committee members absent:** Rolf Olsen

**Town Staff in attendance:**

Don Willard – Town Manager

Nathan White – Public Works Director

Sue Look – Town Clerk

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

2) **Approval of Minutes**

a) February 17, 2022

**Motion** to approve as presented by Ms Accardi. Seconded by Ms Lockwood.

**Unanimously approved.**

3) **New Business**

a) Public Works Director White – reported on additional information from Casella. No loads from Raymond are rejected at the facility. A recycle audit is labor intensive. Raymond has a 17% recycle rate which is considered pretty good. Dumpsters are the worst offenders. Some of the barriers are the summer and weekend residents having a lack of knowledge of recycling. Education is needed. A good portion of the waste is food waste. Getting rid of the food waste is considered recycling and will help lower the tonnage of waste collected. Automated collecting is being discussed in Windham and could be in the future for Raymond.

b) Town Manager Willard – Goal of removing wet waste out the waste stream is a great goal to pursue. Backyard composting is a good option.

c) Brochures

Ms Gosselin reported on the brochure logo.

Discussion on distribution points for the flyer. Town Office, library, town website, Facebook pages. Not able to send a flyer home with kids through the school system.

Discussion on what is the goal of the committee and recommendations on rules and regulations to be made to the Select Board.

d) Ms Accardi reported on discussions with Raymond Elementary School.

The school is interested in having Casella come to the school and do an interactive presentation about recycling with third graders.

e) Public Works Director White reported on Bins: Casella is moving away from the open tubs and towards the covered totes on wheels. There are two sizes: 96-gallon and 65-gallon capacity. The 65-gallon totes are easier to maneuver when full. The town will purchase from the company and resell to the residents. Sign-up sheet at the election site to determine interest and how many to order.

Committee Member Assignments:

- Public Works Director White will:
  - get price and lead time quote and samples of the bins to have at the town office from the vendor in Raymond, NH.
  - Ask Casella about compost bins
  - Write MWS rules to present to Select Board
  - Send photos of totes to Bob Jones
- Chair Leavitt will review the recycling information on the Town website and make recommendations for updates
- Ms Accardi will:
  - Contact Raymond Elementary School and Casella to set up the interactive presentation at the school and inquire about making a video about recycling to put on the town website.
  - Contact JSMS and inquire if they are doing composting with their garden and inquire about making a video about recycling to put on the town website.
  - Contact videographer Bill Blood to work on ideas for the videos.
  - Work at a table on June 14<sup>th</sup> (election day) at the polls to provide background on the new totes and have a sign-up sheet for residents to

sign up for the totes. Bob Jones also volunteered to work at the table that day.

- Mrs. Gosselin will continue working on the logo for the brochures and send out a draft. Goal is to have the brochures printed and on the table at the election site on June 14<sup>th</sup> for residents to pick up.

Next Meetings:

- April 21, 2002

**4) Public Comment** – Bill Blood, see above

**5) Recycling Committee Comment** – none

**6) Adjournment**

**Motion** to adjourn at 7:47 pm by Mrs. Gosselin. Seconded by Ms Accardi.

**Unanimously approved**

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Karen Lockwood, Secretary*