



# Town of Harpswell

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## Recycling Committee Minutes March 20, 2019

**Attendees:** Chuck Perow, George Barker, Philip Conner, Jack Stokinger, Bob Eaton

**Absent:** Jeff Stann

**Meeting called to order at 5:03**

**Minutes from February 20, 2019 meeting were approved.**

### **New Business Discussion:**

**A. Bob Eaton presented his preliminary work on organizing statistics of the recycling center and transfer station starting in 2006 thru 2018. He presented data and charts that were most interesting. There was an active discussion and we learned that there are quite a bit of mitigating factors to consider when analyzing the raw numbers. Bob will continue his work. This information can be useful not only in managing the facility but will be useful whenever we need to justify the value of this operation to the town and residents of Harpswell.**

**B. We decided to continue the 3rd Wednesday @ 5:00 meeting schedule thru our last 2 meetings until our summer break after the May meeting. Before we reconvene in October, we will have an email discussion to determine a new schedule for regular meetings.**

**C. We spoke briefly about the future for recycling. It is unclear what happens to our recycled material after it leaves here. The industry is struggling to deal with the amount of trash and recyclables generated. At the moment, there does not appear to be any big changes in this technology, and we all need to be on the alert for improved methods.**

**D. Committee members received Statistical Data including Data 2006-2018, Chart of Expenditure/Waste, Chart of Harpswell Annual Expenditures vs Recycling Center & Transfer Station, and 2017 DEP Report.**

### **Old Business:**

**None**

**Meeting Adjourned: 6:24**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Philip Conner**

