



# Town of Harpswell

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## Recycling Committee Minutes December 19, 2018 approved

**Attendees:** George Baker, Philip Conner, Jeff Stann, Mike McCabe, and Chuck Perow  
**Absent:** Jack Stokinger and Bob Eaton

**Meeting called to order at 5:07pm**

**Minutes from 11/21/2018 meeting were approved.**

### **New Business Discussion:**

**Chuck updated us on the plans for updating the facility in 2020. We will seek funding in 2019 at the upcoming Harpswell Annual Town Meeting for engineering expenses related to the facility update. Chuck is reasonably confident that the current facility will be serviceable/functional until the planned update. As part of the discussion, Chuck said that the Transfer Station is running way ahead of last year in materials received and processed. He noted that building permits are down 20% for the year for new construction but that renovation, general cleanup, and boat disposal seemed to be increased. Also, last year's volume of trash and recycle material was up 40% probably resulting from the increase in seasonal, short term rentals. However, this year's trash and recycle material are appear to be about equal to last year; compost is up by about 25 tons compared to last year.**

**Chuck voiced concern that the new update may have difficulty being approved by the town and encouraged us to support the project. It was pointed out that even though the facility has budgeted expenses of over \$360k per year, transfer station fees offset more than half of that amount. This is never shown in the town budgets since the revenue goes to the General Fund. Therefore the facility's net cost to the town is far less that it appears on the budget.**

**Chuck would like for the committee to review the planning for the facility update and voice our support of the project to the BoS prior to the annual meeting.**

### **Old Business:**

**None**

**Meeting Adjourned 6:03 pm**

**Respectfully submitted  
Philip Conner**