



Town of Harpswell

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Recycling Committee Minutes

January 19, 2022

Members: Chuck Perow, George Barker, Philip Conner, Jeff Stann, Jack Stokinger, Bob Eaton, Marge Webster Warren

Attending:

Bob, George, Jack, Philip, Chuck, Dave,

Not attending: Jeff, Marge

Meeting called to order: 4:03

Approval of Minutes from May 19,2021 and December 15, 2021 meeting. Passed Unanimously

New Business Discussion:

Welcome new member. Marge was not there.

Election of officers.

1 Chair. Philip was relected; there were no other takers.

2 Secretary: Bob volunteered for next 3 mtgs.

New Business

1 Manager's Report

Chuck had not tabulated spreadsheets but stated that results for 2021 were probably under 2020. Activity fell off cliff in Sept. for Recycling. Transfer station chugging along.

Forecast for 2022. ??

2 Concern about rising contract costs

Recycling charges: Cassella's possible change in charging scheme to reward high quality of material did not materialize. Chuck now expects large increases coming which will be on sliding scale. We will need even more emphasis on cleaner recycling. When new rates are implemented, there will be a 2 month delay in learning charges. Rate will also depend on market value, and economic conditions including sale-ability, quality, quantity, etc. This will be called ACR system. Previously our quality has been 93 -95 on 1-100 scale.

Glass and ceramics have no value in recycling tonnage. Maybe we will start to separate and put in our landfill; maybe not worth the effort.

Land fill charges were before \$74/ton and now are \$89/ton

3 Re-use concept

3 R's: reduce, recycle, re-use.

Concept was dead when Chuck started. They did do only "peanuts" when he first got here. Prior to that, there was a tent near where salt shed is now. People abused the effort. They cannibalized items leaving junk that no one wanted, or they brought junk to avoid the cost of using transfer station.

Committee will look what other towns do and we will discuss next month.

4 Discuss developing goals and objectives for coming year. Committee consider list of goals, etc. For this year. Discuss at next meeting.

I will send existing mission statement which is more operating guidelines than mission statement.

5 Events for 2022

Shredding 9/10 we pay \$525 flat fee.

Hazardous waste. Will know 1 month ahead. Brunswick is doing spring and fall. This is expensive so we partner with other towns. Bath may have most towns participating so maybe less expensive.

6 Using the Harpswell Anchor to deliver our message

Send previous list of articles before next meeting so we can assign and schedule.

Old Business:

1. Status of Defibulator
Art emailed company. We are #2 to on list to receive one.
2. Bob suggests we need a slogan. Cleanest trash in Maine.
3. Feed back on facility upgrade is good.
4. Considering bags for MSW and recycling.

Next Meeting: February 16, 2022**Meeting Adjourned: 5:00pm**