



Town of Harpswell

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Recycling Committee Agenda

January 18, 2023 at 4:00 pm

Harpswell Town Office

Members: ✓Chuck Perow, ✓George Barker, ✓Philip Conner, ✓Jack Stokinger, ✓Bob Eaton, ✓Marge Webster Warren, ✓Gina Snyder

Meeting called to order: 4:00

Minutes from our November 16, 2022 meeting were amended and approved.

Chuck Perow reviewed the reports for 2022. There was a general decrease in activity which brought us back to pre pandemic levels. Notably, Composting showed a slight increase even though MSW showed a decrease.

Chuck also reported that the upcoming contract for disposal will again be with Casella. We had 2 bids with the other being from Waste Management. Unfortunately there will be an increase in costs for the coming contract period, and there will be no differentiation provided to towns that do a better job of recycling than those who are more lax.

Bob Eaton reported that the Comprehensive Plan review was progressing slowly and that they were using outside consultants. We noted that references to % recycling seemed to be overstated in the 2005 Comp Plan.

Gina Snyder reported on EPR. The next meeting on January 24 is the 2nd on municipalities and she recommended that we attend it virtually. Since the meeting will cover how towns are impacted by the plan, she also suggested that we provide input.

Chuck will provide a draft of a statement from the Harpswell Recycling concerning comments on Harpswell perspective and input on EPR, circulate it to the committee, and submit it before the meeting.

Gina will again send out instructions for reviewing previous actions on EPR by DEP and information on attending the 1/24/23 meeting.

We decided to concentrate on EPR for our February 22, 2023 meeting.

Chuck will review and circulate the Recycling Committee's Annual Report to the committee before submitting it.

We decided that we will give the 2005 Comprehensive Plan a thorough review and work on revising it at our March meeting.

There was no discussion of Old Business.

Next Meeting: 2/22/23

Meeting Adjourned at 5:30

Respectfully submitted,

Philip Conner
Chair