



# Town of Harpswell

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## Recycling Committee Notes April 16, 2025

Attendees: Committee: George Barker, Philip Conner, Jack Stokinger, Gina Snyder  
Selectboard member David Chipman

Meeting called to order at 4:01 PM

Minutes from 2/19/25 meeting for approval, approved unanimously.

Preparing for the Clean Up Pick Up: the news item in the Anchor was good, and the calendar. –

### New Business Discussion:

A. Manager's Report: Chuck not available, see his charts.

Annual Report

Casella charges

Chuck and/or Bob previously suggested talking with other towns about costs rising so rapidly. Letters to Senators and Congress person did not provide any insight or assistance on recycling. It would be good to trace where both waste and recycling go, previously Chuck mentioned that we pay for incineration but the incinerator has not worked for quite some time, therefore we shouldn't be paying the higher cost. The difficulty to follow up is in not having a representative from Casella.

B. Review and discuss Recycling Committee info on Town Website – To Be Determined:

1. Multiple documents...duplication? Simplify?

The website was done over a period of time, by different people, so it could use some updating.

2. Specific document on rental property customers? Not addressed.

C. George report on coordinating with other committees on Harpswell Annual Clean Up Week 2025. Who does what this year and next?

Katie (Recreation) is going to take charge next year. Gina did a news note for the Anchor and put it in their calendar. HHLT (both Gina and Katie reached out to HHLT) and Town email lists got it. Conservation basically distributes posters. Christina from Pete's confirmed supplies at Pete's. Not sure what's at BIGS, but they confirmed to David that they have supplies. David dropped off gloves and bags at Town Office as people were asking.

We'll do a post-review at May meeting. If there's any problem with not having conservation's brown-bags with granola bars, apples and bottled water, we'll revisit it then.

George suggests a list/template for who does what. Contacting the stores, articles, flyer, etc.

D. Harpswell Roadside Cleanup Day planning:

1. notification of stores for supplies: Dave Chipman

Tina told David that bags were not at Pete's store, Dave then confirmed there was a delay/mis-up. Today, gloves, bags, everything was fine. Dave called BIGS and they were all set, but people were coming to Town Office, so he brought some here.

2. distribution of supplies: Not the Conservation Commission this year as no 'goodie' bags; David Chipman contacted stores and followed up, see above.

3. Pizza pick-up: Dave Chipman order at 11:15 AM; George will pick up at BIGS and pay for one & Philip pick up Uncle Pete's and pay for one. Both will also bring soda on 4/19. George will get plates (no plastic), there are napkins here.

4. notification of volunteers, see above in notes: HHLT and Katie have sent notification to mailing lists. Mary Ann from Conservation may have posted flyers.

5. possible late access to recycling center: if any team expects to arrive later than 4:00, call Chuck at 207 837 4009 prior to 3:45 to arrange.

6. Roadside pick up scheme: BE SURE TO WEAR REFLECTIVE TYPE JACKETS/VESTS

Pizza: optional @ town office @ 12:00

Teams should begin picking up after 1:30 to allow time for pick-up crews to finish and to deposit bags at recycling transfer station before 4:00.

REMINDER: WEAR REFLECTIVE TYPE JACKETS/VESTS

a Harpswell Island Road from Mountain Road north to town line plus Cundy's Harbor Road: Philip & Mark

b. Harpswell Islands Road south from Mountain road to end of Bailey Island (Lands End) plus Mountain Road from Harpswell Islands Road to Town Office : Gina (& Bob, if he's available)

c. Harpswell Neck Road from town line to Potts Point plus Mountain Road from Harpswell Neck Road to Town Office: Jack & George (and/or Chris H. if Jack is not available)

E. Old Business:

Solid Waste rules: no progress, but one or two local 'haulers' seem to be still operating.

However, Wes is taking it directly to the transfer station and paying per ton, so in that case, no recycling, no composting.

F. Next Meeting: May 21, 2025

G. Meeting Adjourned 4:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Philip Conner