

Recycling Committee Mission Statement

The Recycling Committee mission is to work in an advisory capacity with the Facility Manager to assess and recommend to the Select Board opportunities to reduce the amount of waste generated by Harpswell residents that cannot be recycled. The committee will assist the Facility Manager on all issues relevant to recycling and waste materials that may be handled by the Town facility. The Manager may propose priorities as to the Committee's efforts and activities.

The Committee shall comprehensively review the operations of the current Recycling Center and Transfer Station in order to make recommendations to the Manager and the Select Board, suggesting ways to control costs and to increase rates of recycling for the Town when feasible.

The Committee shall also explore options to encourage Harpswell residents to 1) use recyclable materials; 2) consider reuse of materials, 3) increase the level of recycling. In doing so the Committee may recommend an information campaign using flyers, posters, community TV, Town's website, and available local media, e.g., the "Harpswell Anchor," "Brunswick Times Record," "Mid-Coast Forecaster."

Education will be directed at the general public in Harpswell including full time residents, summer residents and renters.

The Committee will also assist the Town and/or other committees, as appropriate, in matters regarding the handling of explosives, ammunition, chemicals, insecticides, invasive plants, compostable materials, etc. The Committee will also take appropriate steps to notify the public regarding any changes in policy regarding the handling of waste and hazardous materials by the State of Maine.

In all matters the Committee will defer to the judgement and advice of the Manager. No action will be taken by either the Committee or any individual involved with the Committee without the full consent of the Manager. No member of the Committee has any authority over the Manager or any employee of the Town Recycling Center and Transfer Station.

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