



Town of Harpswell

P.O. Box 39

Harpswell, ME 04079

Recycling Committee Minutes

March 17, 2021

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

Guest: Art Howe

Meeting called to order: 4:17

Minutes from February 17, 2021 meeting were approved as submitted.

New Business Discussion:

A. Chuck updated us on the new plans for the new facility. Phase 1 will include the compactors and improvements to parking and traffic; the RFP has gone out on this and Atlantic Equipment has been contracted to provide the compactors. Phase 2 will be the upgraded building.

B. Fire Safety & Emergency preparedness at the Recycling Center

1. Chuck reviewed the current plans emergency plans with the committee.

2. Chuck will look into the cost and effectiveness of providing fire suppression in containers and will contact Atlantic to see if they have recommendations.

3. Chuck said that updated Phase 2 plans would probably include heat and/or smoke sensors to warn of after hours fire problems.

will fire and emergency considerations in facility update plans

4. Chuck and Art both agreed that having a defibrillator readily accessible at the recycling center is a good idea and Chuck will make it happen.

5. Chuck and Art will schedule onsite training and familiarization for Harpswell firefighters both this spring and also after the update is complete. Art will schedule this approximately every 1 1/2 years because of turn over.

6. Chuck said that 2 or 3 of the staff now have CPR training and staff is trained or refreshed annually on first aid; Art encourages fire fighting to emphasize personnel safety and that 1st response should be to call 911 then employ fire extinguishers in a safe manner. Chuck said they now have 14 extinguishers recently increased from 5. There was discussion on 911 and how improvement is needed for that service.

Old Business:

Dave Chipman has been doing the road trash annual pick up for 35 years and would like to pass it along to someone else. In Harpswell this is called John Gilliam Day because his was the first to organize it. We agreed to shadow Dave this year and learn how it is done and then consider adopting this worthwhile annual endeavor by the Recycling Committee. I will coordinate with Dave on getting the word out and getting help from Committee members.

Next Meeting: 4/21/21

Meeting Adjourned: 5:24

Respectfully submitted,

Philip Conner