



# **Town of Harpswell**

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## **Recycling Committee Minutes October 17, 2018**

**Attendees: Chuck Perow, George Barker, Philip Conner, Jack Stoklinger, Bob Eaton**

**Absent: Jeff Stann, Mike McCabe**

**Meeting called to order at 5:06pm**

**Minutes from May 16, 2018 were approved.**

### **New Business Discussion:**

**Chuck reported that the summer was hectic and busy. There were problems with personnel shortages. There was a problem with the 5 year contract for MSW disposal not being signed by the vendor but the vendor corrected the error. The shredding event was successful; the composting event was not held primarily due to construction at Mitchell Field; the perimeter seeding was not and will not be done because of lack of availability of seed. The collection of table waste for composting has been far more successful than originally expected; 35 tons was collected vs. 10 tons expected.**

**We reviewed the “Public Use of Recycling and Transfer Station Policy”. Introduction of this policy was accelerated by the expected frequency of events and the concern about public safety. Chuck has developed a draft policy and the committee should study this and be prepared for discussion at our November 17, 2018 meeting. The BOS is expected to make a final determination on this after the first of 2019.**

**We discussed Composting of dead sea mammals from the recent increase in mortalities in the area. The Town was approached by the DEP offering to waive certain regulations so that carcasses could be composted at the facility. It was determined that the disease causing the of death of these mammals was not known for certain making dealing with this a risk to public and employee health. Doing this would also consume essential space used to other purposes. Chuck suggested to DEP that the carcasses be taken to a remote DOT quarry and disposed of there. There has been no further action on this by DEP. For these and numerous other reasons, Chuck indicated that the Town has declined to become involved.**

**We discussed how this committee might assist Chuck during the coming months. Chuck requested that we assist by developing/endorsing the “Public Use of Recycling and Transfer Station Policy”, assist in finding solutions to the employment problems, provide input into the upcoming renovation of the facility including new compactors, renovating the steel building, increasing the parking area, and preparations for funding.**

**Chuck invited any of us to attend the meeting with Will Haskell on Friday, October 19 at 9:30am to discuss the renovations.**

**Old Business:**

**None**

**Meeting Adjourned 6:26pm.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Philip Conner**