



# Town of Harpswell

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## Recycling Committee Minutes April 18, 2018

**Attendees:** Chuck Perow, George Barker, Philip Conner, Mike McCabe, Jack Stokinger

**Absent:** Dave Chipman, Jeff Stann, Bob Eaton

**Meeting called to order at 5:09 pm**

**Minutes approved from March 21, 2018 meeting.**

### **New Business Discussion:**

- a. Hazmat Day is scheduled for April 28, 2018 at Bath Recycling Center. You must sign up in advance. Flares can not be taken to Hazmat Day; they go to Brunswick Fire Department any time.**
- b. Chuck will communicate with leading, local real estate companies (Homes & Harbors, Roxanne York, and Coastal Maine Getaways) that are active in Harpswell rentals to encourage them to be sure that renters receive information about using the Recycling Center & Transfer Station. No action by the committee is needed.**
- c. We had an interesting discussion comparing our facility with other facilities of similar size towns. Chuck says that we provide more services more often than other towns of similar size and are more comparable to Brunswick. Our facility was started as a landfill in 1979, became an incinerator in 1981, and later evolved to the current configuration. Chuck expects that single stream recycling will continue for the foreseeable future. India will possibly replace China as a market for recycle material. There is recent news about a recently developed enzyme that will dissolve plastic and is not harmful to the environment.**

### **Old Business:**

- a. Seed order for the landfill cap is pending and should take place soon. When seeds are received and weather is cooperative, Philip will send email to organize volunteers from the Committee helping with the seeding operation.**

- b. Mike McCabe will meet with Dave Chipman concerning his letter introducing new home owners to the services available in Harpswell. The committee commented favorably on his letter.**
- c. Philip Conner's letter to the BOS about the problem renters are causing at the Recycle Center will be submitted to the BOS via Kristi in the Town Office.**
- d. Chuck has not been able to make arrangements with Judith Stanton about the 2018 Composting Workshop. Chuck is considering suggesting to Judith that conduct the workshop independent of the Recycling Center.**
- e. Art Howe, Harpswell Fire Administrator, visited the meeting. He and Chuck will coordinate to plan a fire drill at the facility sometime before Memorial Day. We will contact the committee so that any of us may also attend the drill.**
- f. Philip will send an email suggesting a few dates for the tour of the facility for the committee.**

**Next and final meeting before summer break will be held May 16, 2018 at 5:00pm**

**Meeting Adjourned at 6:14 pm.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Philip Conner**