



Town of Harpswell

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Recycling Committee Minutes May 16, 2018

**Attendees: Chuck Perow, George Barker, Philip Conner, Bob Eaton.
Jack Stokinger joined the meeting late.**

Absent: Dave Chipman, Jeff Stann, Mike McCabe

Meeting called to order at 5:05 pm

Minutes from April 14, 2018 meeting were corrected and approved.

Discussion:

We reviewed the very interesting tour of the facility on May 9th conducted by Chuck assisted by Greg and attended by Jack, Philip, and Mike.

Philip will provide a sample of a rust preventive material to try on the structural steel under the compactor area.

Chuck said that the existing compactors are to be replaced in 2020. Two new compactors are expected to be added at the same time.

2020 is the planned time to rehabilitate the existing main building replacing the existing, uninsulated metal walls and roof with insulated material.

A John Deere replacement back hoe/loader is expected in August 2018.

Chuck said that the facility operates for less money and more efficiently than it did in the past especially compared to when the incinerator was in operation.

When our letter to BOS about problems caused by short term renters in Harpswell, the BOS seemed receptive to taking action to help minimize the problems by including information in the tax bill mailing. Philip should follow up with Kristi & Terry in the Town Office and also Jill in the Tax office. Tax Bills go out in August.

Chuck agreed that it would be appropriate to have an improved sign for the Recycling Center to replace the existing one more on a par with the Town Office sign. The new sign could include a message board to replace the sandwich board that is currently being used.

The Fire Department recently held the familiarization drill but only 2 firemen showed up. This was disappointing.

Jeff Stann and Jeremy Lynch over-seeded the previously planted cap with milkweed seed. The suppliers had run out of seed to plant the perimeter of the cap with appropriate native seed so that is postponed possibly until the fall.

Chuck showed us a free app EcoMaine Recyclopedia that shows what to do with various types of material for disposal.

Chuck is currently working with Judith Stanton to conduct a Composting Demonstration at Mitchell Field in mid July.

The annual shredding event will be held at the Recycling Center on September 22, 2018

Next meeting is scheduled for October 17, 2018 @ 5:00 pm

Meeting Adjourned at 5:45

Respectfully submitted,

Philip Conner