

Recycling Committee Meeting Minutes

January 17, 2008

7:00-9:00pm

Present:

John Coyle

Paul Basler

Janna Morrissey

Janine Delaney

Jean Landis-Naumann

Katie Condon

Gene Wyatt

(These notes begin at 7:30pm)

Paul Basler:

- Paul brought many documents for each committee member in answer to our many questions
- Town of Taunton is looking to take municipal solid waste beginning May 2013-could be \$75/ton in competition with Seamass
- Kingston disposes of 5,000-5,200 tons of trash a year –last year’s cost was \$424,019
- It costs \$30,000/yr to monitor old landfill-charge might go up if ball fields are built on top
- Paul reports that they are trying to stop people from taking metal and batteries from TS since they are worth money-they have a surveillance camera set up
- Town can get \$ for donated clothes (\$50/ton) from a company called Bay State Textile which turns them into rags and pads
- Swap Shop:
 - No space is set in new TS models
 - Is a liability to town due to breakables/accidents
 - Other towns are not happy with their swap shops
 - Suggested “Zero Waste Days”-like a flea market one or twice a year
- Town does have truck scales donated by Mary O’Donnell-want to put them into new configuration

Janine Delaney-from DEP

- She assists 35 towns
- Grant gives town 40 hours of her time
- She had worked on a plan with Integrated Paper to give us 2 compactors and transportation, but is not going to happen now
- She will deal directly with Paul Basler
- Discussed curbside pick-up and recycling:
 - Is ecologically beneficial
 - Will look for info on towns who have converted recently to see how transition was
 - Can do “Single Stream” recycling-all types of recycleables go into same bin
- Janine offered examples of well run towns for recycling:
 - Wellesley: nice TS, nice signs, makes \$
 - Auburn: Single Stream facility: well run
- Towns can set Private Hauler Regulations through Board of Health
 - Can require private haulers to recycle
- Plymouth is going to Pay-As-You-Throw in July
- DEP gives towns a one-time \$4 per household when town changes to PAYT
- Recycle Bank: town monitors how much each house hold recycles and house gets coupons (Everett)
- Janine will:
 - Go through contracts will all TS vendors to get best prices
 - Meet with Paul (as project coordinator) to see all costs involved in town’s recycling
 - Give recommendations
 - Make brochure on TS and recycling and has grant \$ to get it printed through Mercury Exchange Program at Seamass
- Janine suggests we check on Day Pass which allows any resident to drop a one-time truck load without needing TS sticker
- Grants are announced in June, due back in Sept and awarded in November. Towns may be able to get recycle bins, rain barrels, assistance in changing to PAYT

Next meeting: Feb 9 at 10:30am at Town Hall