

MEETING MINUTES – NEWFIELDS CURBSIDE COLLECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, May 18, 2020

TIME: 6:30 – 7:30

PRESENT CCAC MEMBERS:

- Josh Lent
- Mary Belanger
- Warren Biggins
- Joe Diament
- Jacqui Silvani
- Trish Cox
- James Valentine

ABSENT CCAC MEMBERS:

- Deb Rimbaud (Resigned)
- Sue Schick

GUESTS:

- Kenyon Schick
- Mike Sununu
- Tom Smith
- Cathy Smith
- Chris Couture
- Chuck Oliver

MINUTES:

- 1) Quorum was recognized and the Meeting called to order at 6:35 PM by Josh Lent.
- 2) CCAC Members voted in favor of approving minutes from the May 4th meeting.
- 3) Reviewed action items from previous meeting.

- a) Waste/recycling industry knowledge input from Jason Michaelson (Senior Business Development Manager at Triumvirate Environmental).
 - i) Josh summarized his conversation with Jason Michaelson around the waste to energy technology: what would that mean to change to waste to energy; would WM be responsible, or would we need another hauler?; discussed setting up a tour of local facilities; Jason recommend looking into Mitrano recycling company of MA; Jim V volunteered to speak with Mitrano.
- b) Reviewed input from Stratham's Curbside Collection Advisory Committee regarding curbside recycling.
 - i) Josh reached out to Rachel Jefferson from Stratham's committee, which is also deciding what direction to go with regard to waste and recycling. Their committee is sending out a town wide survey to determine what model the town prefers (added to our GDrive folder) and Rachel will share results of survey when they are ready.
- c) Chris Couture reached out to select board asking about partnering with neighboring towns.
 - i) Chris summarized his outreach to Epping and Exeter. The Epping rep said he'd speak to town administrator but he was doubtful he'd get a response. Chris was unable to reach anyone at Exeter.
- d) Discussed the research conducted on Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRRA) to see if the organization would be a good fit to support Newfields' CCAC and relay whether the committee should pursue membership.
 - i) Joe spoke with Reagan from NRRRA, who recommended speaking with the community services rep from the organization. Trish Cox will fund membership with NRRRA and Joe will follow up with membership. Joe suggested that he may schedule a lunch Zoom meeting.

- e) Review data of surrounding town waste/recycling systems captured within the Google Drive spreadsheet.
 - i) Trish added info on Hampton (single stream – Waste Management), Rye (transfer station that is free for residents), and Portsmouth (single stream Waste Management) to the spreadsheet.
 - ii) Joe added that Lee has source separation, while Nottingham (Casella) and Barrington (WM) have transfer stations
- f) Discuss learnings from the “Is Recycling Still Worthwhile in New Hampshire?” webinar and the “The State of Recycling Markets in New Hampshire” article.
 - i) Josh noted the NE has the highest waste disposal costs in the country and summarized other relevant points of the webinar. Josh put the pdf of the webinar into our shared folder.

4) Working Session

- a) Discussion of Final Report format; begin framing out table of contents.
 - i) Josh suggested that getting the framework for the final document is something we should start working on – Kenyon will work on getting the document formatted in Google Docs
 - ii) Discuss all waste/recycling options and decide on path forward for objectively measuring each option.
- b) Deb Rimbaud has resigned from the Committee.
- c) Michael Sununu will forward information on the history of recycling in Newfields to Josh.

5) Review of action items

- a) Jim Valentine will reach out to Mitrano recycling and look into Waste To Energy options (Covanta and Wheelabrator).
- b) Trish Cox will fund membership to NRRA.
- c) Joe Diament will follow-up to NRRA to arrange membership, inquire about an upcoming lunchtime CCAC/NRRA meeting and to speak with the community service representative.

- d) Kenyon Schick will work on formatting the Final Report.
 - e) Josh Lent will update the History of Recycling document with Michael Sununu's input.
- 6) Review date and time for next meeting
- a) Monday, June 1, 6:30 – 7:30 PM
- 7) The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM