MEETING MINUTES – NEWFIELDS CURBSIDE COLLECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CCAC)

DATE: Monday, August 10th

TIME: 6:30-7:30PM

PRESENT CCAC MEMBERS:
- Josh Lent
- Mary Belanger
- Warren Biggins
- Joe Diament
- Kenyon Schick
- Trish Cox
- Karen Nieman
- Jacqui Silvani

GUESTS:
- None

MINUTES:
- Quorum was recognized and the meeting was called to order at 6:33 PM by Josh Lent.
- CCAC Members vote to approve minutes from the July 27th meeting.
- Review action items from previous meeting and provide status updates:
  - Mary: Added high level points that could be included in a forthcoming town website into final report.
  - Kenyon: Added Lamprey River Cooperative summary into the working final report.
  - Josh: Added synopsis of current recycling/rubbish struggles (space constraints, odor, etc.) to executive summary section and metrics rating section to the final report.
  - Update about adding a committee member to backfill recent resignation.
    - Josh emailed select board but has not heard back. Jacqui identified a potential candidate.
  - Trish: Obtain rubbish tonnage difference between 2019 (with recycling) and 2020 (without recycling).
  - Warren: Was unable to speak with his Casella rep to discuss the percentage of collected materials that are recycled; but found that Casella has a 14% recycling contamination rate per their sustainability report. Recyclables go to Charlestown, MA. Warren will ask about tour of MRF.
  - Sue: Sue was not present, so we did not receive an update about her adding the PAYT information to the final report.

- Working Session:
  - Discussion of upcoming vacation coverage.
Josh won’t be present on 24th; Jacqui will run meeting.

- Overall progress check-in with 10 meetings left before Final Report submission.
  - General consensus is that we’re in a good place and ready to refine the information we’ve gathered into a cogent, useful document.
- Discussion around working sessions (focus on one topic per meeting). Consider break-out sessions or collaborative work periods.
  - Support for the idea of discussion one topic per meeting.
  - PAYT and Waste-to-Energy options to be discussed in detail next week.
- Review draft copy of Final Report and insert high level points for subsequent refinement (screenshare).

- Review of action items.
  - Warren will talk to Casella about a tour of the MRF and the contamination recycling rate.
  - Josh will ask Sue about PAYT info
  - Josh will send agenda info to Jacqui in prep for next meeting; Josh will reach out to NRRA about PAYT system
  - Karen will reach out to market basket and shwa about PAYT bags.

- Review date and time for next meeting
  - Monday, Aug 24th at 6:30 PM
- Motion to adjourn
  - 7:30 PM

Note: If Newfields town residents would like an item added to a forthcoming agenda, please send a request via email to NewfieldsCCAC@gmail.com

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