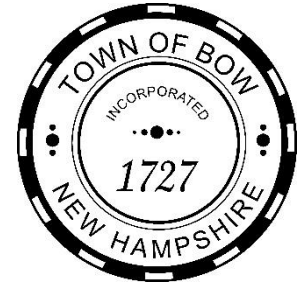




**Town of Bow Recycling and Solid Waste
Committee**

Meeting Minutes

January 3, 2023 Meeting



To: David Stack, Town Manager

cc: Bow Administrative Assistant, Committee Webpage, Recycling Committee Members

Re: Recycling and Solid Waste Committee Minutes for January 3, 2023 Meeting (DRAFT)

Date: January 3, 2023

Committee Member Attendees: Sherri Cheney, Mark Davis, Taj Pietkiewicz (by phone), Beth Titus and Danielle Ruane

Also in attendance: Russell Anderson

MEETING BEGAN AT 7:00 PM.

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes of the November 1, 2022 Meeting

Taj Pietkiewicz moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Mark Davis. Approved unanimously.

2. Recycling Tipping Fees –2022 Rates

Sherri Cheney reported on status of tipping fees. In October 2022, the fee increased to approximately \$147/ton. In November 2022, the fee for recycling was approximately \$144/ton. In December 2022, the fee for recycling was approximately \$130/ton.

By way of comparison, in October of 2021 and November of 2021, the rates were approximately \$68/ton and \$81/ton, respectively. In October of 2022 and November of 2022, the rates were approximately \$77/ton and \$79/ton, respectively. The prices increased significantly in 2022 up until October, but appear to be on the way back down.

The Committee agrees that the recycling program should continue at this time and to continue monitoring the market.

3. Discussion of Trash and Single Stream Collected –Review of Weight Slips

Sherri Cheney has audited the weight slips sent to us from Pinard for October and November 2022. Sherri Cheney did not find any discrepancies. In 2021 (through November 30th), there were approximately 838 tons of single stream collected. In 2022 (through November 30th), there were approximately 801 tons collected. This is a 4.4% reduction. December 2023 numbers are not yet available.

4. Terracycle

Danielle Ruane provided update on the Subcommittee discussions, and potential items for collection. Another Subcommittee meeting needs to be held, and depending on outcome, it may be necessary to have the full Committee meet. Danielle Ruane will work on scheduling a subcommittee meeting.

5. Helpsy

Article was published in the Bow Times about changes to the program. Helpsy picked up over 4,000 pounds from May to November of 2022.

6. Household Hazardous Waste 2022 and 2023

- a. Report filed for 2022
- b. Education Requirements – which additional articles should we post?
- c. Have potential date with EPI/NRRA for October 21, 2023
- d. Have NOT received pricing for 2023, hence no contract yet.

7. Goals for 2023

- a. Update website with DES materials and remove outdated website information.
- b. Terracycle program
- c. Composting – Site visit to Lebanon or another town for visit. Danielle Ruane will reach out to Lebanon to find out about scheduling a site visit to better understand the complexities. (Sherri Cheney is gone part of May)

Next Committee meeting on February 7, 2023 at 7pm.

Meeting adjourned 8:00 p.m.