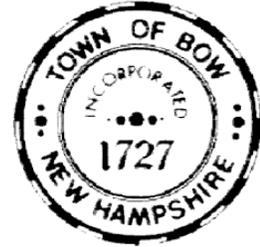




**Town of Bow Recycling and Solid Waste
Committee**



Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2021 Meeting

To: David Stack, Town Manager

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

Re: Draft Recycling and Solid Waste Committee Minutes for March 2, 2021 Meeting

Date: March 2, 2021

Committee Member Attendees: Sherri Cheney, Mark Davis, Rebecca Elwood, Danielle Ruane, Beth Titus

Others in attendance: Woody Bowne and Mike Conroy

ZOOM MEETING BEGAN AT 7:30 PM

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes of the February 2, 2021 Meeting

Motion by Rebecca Elwood, seconded by Sherri Cheney. All approved by roll call. Mark Davis abstained.

2. Household Hazardous Waste Day – 2021

- a. Discussion of extending the hours and starting later. EPI did not want to change the hours.
- b. Discussion of contracting directly with EPI, and whether it would result in lower costs. Woody Bowne contacted EPI and was notified that the cost would be *more expensive* if we did not use Northeast Resource Recovery. The cost of HHWD for 2021 increased this year, although we are receiving a discount by using Northeast Resource Recovery.
- c. EPI suggested that we could “move cars” faster this year by off-loading items in cars when EPI is removing the hazardous waste. Committee had a discussion about managing traffic more effectively.

- d. Discussion that we already made a motion at last meeting to recommend using EPI as a vendor for HHWD through Northeast Resource Recovery. Sherri Cheney will request contract from Northeast Resource Recovery.

3. Recycling Tipping Fees

- a. Sherri Cheney reported that the cost of recycling single stream in January was \$105.07. Sherri Cheney received weight slips from Town Hall. She is trying to determine why the Pinard spreadsheet shows that one of the single stream deliveries was made to Zero Waste. Sherri Cheney thinks this is a typo, and she will further investigate the slip.

4. Compost Bins

- a. Northeast Resource Recovery has issued information about purchasing compost bins. Danielle Ruane spoke to David Stack about obtaining financing from the town to purchase the bins in the first instance. Sherri Cheney stated that she contacted Tim Sweeney about storing the bins.
- b. After extensive discussion, the Committee ultimately agreed that it should not pursue selling the compost bins in 2021, but rather, provide information about other organizations and businesses that sell the bins. Danielle Ruane will also write an article about composting and suggestions on purchasing bins.

5. Tires and Metal

- a. Sherri Cheney has been in contact with both David Stack and Pinard to find out whether tires are collected, and they will be communicating with each other to determine. She is waiting to receive feedback from their discussion.
- b. Discussion of whether DPW could collect tires and/or metal. It appears that the Town no longer has a permitted transfer station because the annual filings were not submitted, and therefore it would be challenging to collect tires and/or metal.
- c. Woody Bowne further noted the complexities of being a permitted transfer station, which includes having licensed operators.
- d. It was determined that, depending on outcome of discussions with David Stack and Pinard, residents may need to bring tires to Concord.

6. NRRA Annual Conference Webinars
 - a. It is free for residents and Committee members to attend the NRRA virtual conference on May 10 and 11.
 - b. For those who cannot attend, Sherri Cheney will determine how we can watch the videos after the conference.

7. Review and Updating Recycling Flyers & Website
 - a. Discussion of website. Danielle Ruane will search State of NH's website to figure out where the missing links are located.
 - b. Danielle Ruane will fix the flyer to address cups, 5 gallon buckets and reference to propane tanks.

8. Household Hazardous Waste Day – 2020 Grant Report
 - a. Taj and Beth Titus are working on the grant report.

9. Future Articles and Educational Information – Getting the word out.
 - a. Discussion that some residents are unaware that Bow is actually recycling.
 - b. Discussion of spreading the word. Discussed (1) posting a notice on Police Sign for Earth Day; (2) posting a note on the Town website and/or Selectmen's bulletin; (3) Concord Monitor article about the state of recycling; (4) including a blurb in the School handout.

10. Any Other Items of Interest to Members
 - a. No other discussion.

12. Next Meeting

Next meeting April 6, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. (Possibly Zoom)

Meeting adjourned 8:47 p.m.