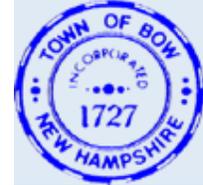




Town of Bow Recycling and Solid Waste Committee Meeting Minutes March 5, 2019 Meeting



To: David Stack, Town Manager Date: March 15, 2019
cc: Bow Administrative Assistant, Committee Webpage, Recycling Committee members
Subject: Recycling Committee Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Gary Lynn (Secretary and Acting Chair), Sherri Cheney (Treasurer), Beth Titus, Matthew Fossum and Danielle Ruane (member)

Items Discussed:

1. Meeting Minutes – The February meeting minutes were approved.
2. Household Hazardous Waste Day (HHWD) - Gary reported that the letter from Dunbarton agreeing to participate in the 2019 HHWD was received and was forwarded to NH DES. The letter ensures that our grant application receives the multiple community grant rate (almost double the one community rate).
3. Recycling Market, hauling contract and Town Administrator meeting

To update Matt, Gary discussed the 2/28/2019 meeting between David Stack and the committee (Beth, Danielle, Gary and Sherri). During the meeting, the David Stack updated us on the status of the Pinard hauling contract negotiations. In the current contract, Pinard was allowed to annually adjust the hauling contract price for inflation using the producer price index. Pinard adjusted the price only once in five years. After the contract expires at the end of June, Pinard would like to adjust the hauling price for inflation (recovering the four years of missed price adjustments). Pinard would then hold that increased rate for one year. Pinard would also like for Bow to be liable for the cost of recyclables. Current discussions would limit town liability to the cost of disposal at the incinerator (\$69.05/ton). This would mean the disposal of recyclables at the incinerator or a landfill, if the cost for the recycling facility is too high.

Sherri discussed her conversations with Pinard (Tony Belanger) and Zero Waste (one of the owners). She indicated to David Stack that she was given inconsistent information. Pinard indicated that the recyclables went to Zero Waste when the Casella recycling sorting facility was too backed up to accept materials and that the material was ultimately recycled. Zero Waste indicated that none of the Bow material was recycled. David Stack indicated that Pinard had an informal agreement with Bow that recyclables did not have to go to a recycling facility after the cost of recycling jumped dramatically in 2018.

The meeting concluded with the following action items: a) the committee will prepare an article for publication that summarizes the current hauling contract and recycling situation, b) the town would continue its discussions with Pinard regarding a one year extension to allow time to address market changes without interruption of service and c) program modifications will be considered such as pick up with one truck when recycling prices are high, elimination of glass or other items from the recycling program to minimize recyclable contamination issues, separated recycling drop off facility, etc. Danielle rightfully emphasized the growing importance of waste reduction by composting, smart shopping, etc; part of the messaging should emphasize these types of actions.

4. Follow Up and Outreach – Danielle will complete the outreach article and the committee will provide it to David Stack for input. Gary will draft a letter to David Stack recommending going out to bid on the contract. Bidding the contract is recommended because of but not limited to the

following: a) Bow hasn't tested the hauling market in many years, b) some of the haulers have recycling advantages (Casella and Waste Management operate recycling facilities), c) bid responses can provide ideas on how to improve the economics of Bow's recycling program and d) shifting contract awards may have changed hauler economies. For example, Casella now has a long term contract with the City of Concord. Sherri volunteered to call Casella about visiting their facility and learning more about ways to limit contamination and improve Bow's recyclables product.

5. Next Meeting – The decision was made to move the next committee meeting from April 2nd to April 9th to ensure that more members could attend.

Summary of Assignments

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| Sherri | - Sherri will call Casella and discuss visiting their facility and ways to improve Bow's recyclables product. |
| Gary | - Prepare minutes. - Prepare agenda for the next meeting. - Prepare a letter to David Stack about bidding the hauling contract concurrent with obtaining a Pinard contract extension. |
| Matt | - Matt will respond to committee emails. |
| Danielle | - Danielle will prepare the outreach article. |

Next Meeting: April 9 at 7:30 PM