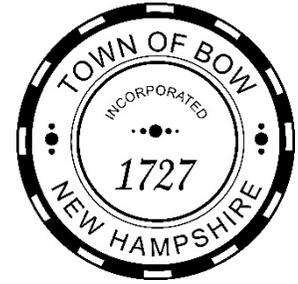




**Town of Bow Recycling and Solid Waste
Committee**

Meeting Minutes

April 6, 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 April 6, 2021 Meeting

Date: April 6, 2021

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

ZOOM MEETING BEGAN AT 7:30 PM

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

Rebecca Elwood moved to approve and Sherri Cheney seconded. All approved by roll call.

2. Household Hazardous Waste Day – 2021

a. Town Approved EPI Bid received from NRRA

Sherri Cheney reported that vendor has been approved by Town and documents have been submitted.

b. Latex Paint Question

Discussion of whether latex paint should be accepted at HHWD. Options are to: (1) accept and have it disposed of by the town; (2) accept and have it treated by vendor for a cost; or (3) not accept. Sherri Cheney noted that it is also possible to accept latex paint only on a limited basis for those residents unaware of the rule. Sherri Cheney will discuss with Tim Sweeney. The Committee also discussed the possibility of having a "paint swap" event.

- c. Need for Contract for grant
The DES grant requires a contract with the vendor. Sherri Cheney will prepare a contract to be reviewed by Danielle Ruane.
- d. 45 days to do 2021 grant report
The DES grant report is now due within 45 days of the event. The previous deadline was June 30th.

3. Recycling Tipping Fees – Rates as of end of March

Sherri Cheney reported that the recycling rates have been approximately \$100/ton over the last few months.

4. 2021 – Spreadsheet and Weight Slips to date

Sherri Cheney is still waiting to receive weight slips and spreadsheets for March 2021. She confirmed that the weight slips for January and February matched all entries on the Pinard spreadsheet. All recyclables received in January and February were transported to Casella. In January, there was one load of MSW brought to Zero Waste but it was incorrectly billed as single stream. Pinard will give the town a credit because the disposal cost for MSW is less than single stream recycling.

5. Tires – the answer from Pinard

Taj Pietkiewicz discussed with Pinard that the maximum number of tires accepted is 2 tires per household each week. There is no longer a provision in the contract that Pinard will accept tires, and the contract is ambiguous. Pinard stated that only tires that can fit in/on the bin will be accepted. Pinard stated that no more than 4 tires per household will be accepted each year. Taj Pietkiewicz will forward Danielle Ruane a copy of the photograph provided by Pinard showing how the tires should be placed on the bin.

The Committee discussed a recent Facebook post on the Bow Community Page and the misinformation that is occurring. The Committee also discussed that Pinard brings the tires to Wheelabrator for disposal, and agreed that residents should be encouraged to have their tires recycled properly.

6. NRRA Annual Conference Webinars

Sherri Cheney signed up for the upcoming webinar. She requested login information for Committee members to watch the webinar on a later date, since it will be recorded.

7. Review and Updating Recycling Flyers & Website

Danielle Ruane reported that she updated the flyer and will be updating the resources page on the website.

8. Household Hazardous Waste Day – 2020 Grant Report

Taj Pietkiewicz is working to obtain information for the grant report from EPI. Sherri Cheney will send information to Beth Titus about other information needed.

Danielle Ruane will send Sherri Cheney and Beth Titus some of the educational flyers and articles prepared for HHWD, since examples need to be attached.

9. Future Articles and Educational Information

Danielle Ruane intends to prepare articles about tires and recycling flower containers.

Rebecca Elwood contacted the police about having a sign for Earth Day. Public Works also has a sign board. Danielle Ruane and Taj Pietkiewicz will come up with recommended verbiage for sign.

Discussion of other information about Earth Day for the Committee to post on Facebook, including recommendations to pick up garbage along the side of the road. Bow gives out gloves, bags and pickers. Beth Titus recommended “plogging” which is picking up garbage while jogging.

10. Any Other Items of Interest to Members

The Scouts yard sale may be held in the fall of 2021.

Discussion of the Committee participating in the parade for the Chief of Police. Danielle Ruane will work on a sign to provide to Sherri Cheney.

11. Next Meeting

Next meeting May 4, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. (Possibly Zoom)

Meeting adjourned 8:48 p.m.