

Shutesbury Recycling and Solid Waste Committee
August 1, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Meryl Mandell (Chair), Gary Bernhard (Recycling Coordinator), Nancy Dihlman, Ron Essig, Gail Fleischaker, Liz Lacy

Members Absent: Karen Czerwonka, Steve Rice

Guests: Becky Torres (Town Administrator), Patrick Mallalieu (Allied Waste Services)

Start Time: 7:05 pm

Approval of Minutes

- Gary moved and Ron seconded that minutes from April 10, 2012 and June 26, 2012 meetings be approved.
- Passed unanimously.

Allied Waste Contract

- Patrick Mallalieu of Allied Waste reported that pickups have been going well.
- Because of cell phone coverage issues the drivers stop at Town Hall to check in with Becky of Leslie at mid-day and the end of the day.
- Pickups are done along one side of the road at a time for safety reasons.
- Patrick pointed out that maximum cardboard size is 2' by 2' instead of 4' as in the recycling manual.
- Weighout slips from Covanta and the MRF are emailed to Becky weekly.
- Members complimented Patrick for barrels and bins being turned upside down after pickup.
- Allied can hand out placards to residents who repeatedly have no recycling. Names can be reported to the town for education purposes.
- Allied has a draft letter for Shore, Pine and Laurel Drive residents to bring their materials up to 96-gallon locking totes at the ends of their roads starting the following week. Some edits were offered.
- Becky will provide a list of addresses for mailing one tote key per household.
- Twenty totes are available now. Others will likely need to be employed at the top of the dirt portion of Wendell Road and Ames Haven Road before winter weather.
- Other towns use November 1 to April 1 for their winter season.
- A standard approach throughout the season is thought to be better than weekly changes as necessary.

Bulky Waste Day

- Gail will provide results of spring 2012 by email to the Committee.
- The Committee was surprised by a list of items provided by Covanta for rejection.
- Patrick said items over 4' can't fit in the burner at Covanta.
- Gary asked if Allied can bring BWD loads to their transfer station where they could be sorted and separated instead of going to Covanta. Patrick will look into pricing compared to Covanta.
- Rolloffs can't be picked up Saturday of BWD because of limited work hours.

RSWC Materials Storage

- Meryl cleaned out the Committee cabinet in the Senior Lounge.
- Trash bag supply has been moved to the second shed at the elementary school.
- 12 compost bins and some signs need to be moved there also.
- Gary and Gail will do this.

DEP Technical Assistance Grant

- Due the end of August.
- One idea is to bring Erving and Leverett elementary schools into the composting program. But this didn't have much support.
- Another more promising idea was to hold another composting workshop. Gary will contact Arlene Miller to see if Ann McGovern can lead another session.

New Business

- No news on small grants \$500 for recycling bins
- Welcome wagon will start when new recycling bins come in. Welcome wagon 'gift' will include recycling bin, Town bag, recycling almanac, and pamphlets on recycling and composting.
- Gary will add to the next Town newsletter a request for new Committee members.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Note taker: Ron Essig