

Solid Waste Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

February 20, 2020

Board members present: Phil Griffin, Charlotte Hebert, Adam VonDette, and Audrey Bethel

Also present: Laura Buono, Jon Daley, Luke Levesque, Angela Poluchov

Jon briefs us on the recycling informational event he attended in Nashua the other week. One thing he found interesting was a man who spoke about his company which buys electronics and other e-waste (rather than how we, here in Hillsboro, currently pay to get rid of our electronics). Also there is discussion of new bill going through the house and senate in regards to adding a fee for out-of-state trash coming in to our NH landfills. (Currently approx ½ landfill waste is not from NH). Discussion of towns getting paid for plastics #1& #2 still, and how that is possible.

Charlotte and Phil both submitted our summary for Town Reports-
Audrey passes out copies of an informational flier describing a workshop on April 15th about using recycled materials in road construction and maintenance. Laura will pass on to town road crew, and she might also attend.

Board asks Luke how things are going with steel can collecting (now that they are alone without plastics comingled) HE said. Good the big container has been emptied into the metals once so far and it is about full up again.

Charlotte had gotten NH the Beautiful grant information to us, and we discuss the possibility of eventually getting a grant when it comes time to get bigger cardboard bailer. (They will reimburse up to %20 of cost of equipment).

Audrey asks about getting Washington to join our Hazardous Waste day in 2021 , Luke says first thing to do is see if they are interested & if so, see what they are paying now.

We discuss compost—as Audrey has been researching more stories where single biggest way to reduce solid waste stream has been to divert food waste. Angela discusses Peterborough system and how townspeople are pretty good about only putting in things that are good to compost because they want to get the dirt produced from the process for their gardens.

We plan a field trip date: Friday March 13th at 10, as long as Scott over in Peterborough is available at that time.

Next SWAB meeting will be Thursday, March 19th at 7:30 am