

Solid Waste Advisory Board (SWAB)
Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2023

Present: Audrey Bethel – Hillsborough, Mike Collins – Deering, Adam VonDette – Hillsborough, Charlotte Hebert – Windsor, Philip Griffin – Deering, Luke Levesque – Transfer Station Manager, Laura Buono – Hillsborough Town Administrator.

Topic #1 Replacement of Trash Trailers

Luke reported that the ideal trailer is an aluminum type with a vibrating floor. Cost estimate is \$118,000 each - 2 trailers to be replaced. Funding was approved at 2023 Town Meeting.

Topic #2 Sticker Program Research

Members researched and reported on various local transfer stations from Milford, Weare, Hopkinton, Henniker, Merrimack, Antrim, Washington, & New London. The general questionnaire encompassed the administration and effectiveness of their respective programs.

Topic #3 Hillsborough Summer Festival - Hydration Station

Audrey requested scheduling for the hydration station water dispensing and recycling information at the Summer Festival. Schedule Coverage July 13 -16 2023

Topic #4 Preliminary Discussion - Solar Panel Disposal

Mike researched the disposal of solar panels and found that there is a NH company which can recycle solar panels. There is a current cost of \$00.625 cents per pound with a pickup charge. (price provided by Bonnie of the NRRRA). Future discussion for how / when to proceed will be scheduled.

Topic #5 Preliminary Discussion - EV batteries

Mike researched the disposition of EV batteries. Due to the non-standardization of EV battery development, some batteries cannot be recycled and are disposed of in landfills. Future discussion for how / when to proceed will be scheduled.

Topic #6 Preliminary Discussion - Disposal of E-Cigarettes & E-Liquid waste

Luke brought up that the residuals of vaping are considered hazardous waste. Future discussion for how / when to proceed will be scheduled.

A true record
Mike Collins
Secretary pro tem