

Town of Henniker
Solid Waste Disposal Committee
Twenty-Fourth Meeting: Thursday, August 13, 2009, 7:00 PM
At The Grange

Approved Minutes

Present: Donald Blanchard, Bill Christiano, Michael C. French, Amanda Gilman, John V. Kjellman, Donna MacMillan, Linda Patterson and Rod Pimentel

Absent: Lia Houk

1. **Chairman John Kjellman called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.**

2. The Chairman began with his introduction:

- a. Handouts: Agenda, Draft minutes of July 23 meeting
- b. Headlines in recent Concord Monitors
 - 8/08 Recycling soars in volume, trash sinks
 - 8/10 Council may vote on co-op
 - 8/11 City of Concord okays co-op deal, conditionally

3. The minutes of the July 9, 2009 meeting were reviewed. **Donna MacMillan made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mike French and passed unanimously.**

Reports and updates from members

4. **New plastics recycling program at TS:** Discussion by the committee was in favor of this new pilot program of single stream collection of all plastics #1-7, including plastic bags. One member reported that a TS employee suggested bagging plastics #3-7 together might make the sorting easier. This led to the discussion of increased manpower that it might be taking to sort all of the plastics.

Another TS employee told a committee member that they used to have to sort the plastics anyway, because there were always some materials in each container that didn't belong in that container, which contaminated the recyclable material. Apparently the new system is safer for the employees as now they don't have to reach down into the containers to remove the contaminants.

The committee also agreed that for the pilot program to be effective more public education and improved signage are desperately needed. As no signs have changed at the TS regarding this program there is almost no way for the public to find out about it, and those who do know about it are confused about what to do with the newly accepted plastics.

5. **Bow Recycling:** Bill Christiano was still unable to make contact with anyone from Bow Recycling. The committee agreed to stop investigating the issue, as it is not critical to the report.

6. **Report from Naughton & Sons Recycling:** The company kindly provided a chart itemizing the number of dumpsters, their sizes and the frequency of their pickups in Henniker. The committee's question remained as to how much residential trash was included in these numbers. Amanda Gilman to contact Naughton for clarification. Discussion ensued as to how the town ordinance for commercial haulers trucking directly to the incinerator in Penacook came about. It was meant to prevent haulers from picking up trash from other towns and dumping it on Henniker's bill. At the time this policy was consistent with that of surrounding towns.
7. **Business Survey Spreadsheet:** Amanda presented the business survey spreadsheet with the data of ½ of the committee members. The committee decided on a more clear definition of the categories of items recycled and how these items are recycled. This way the potential for more recycling might be apparent. Committee members are to make the appropriate changes and email them to Amanda for compilation.
8. **Recyclable Materials Table:** Amanda presented a table compiling all of the items accepted at the transfer station that either require special handling or can be recycled. Rod Pimentel agreed to take this table over for future revisions.
9. **Summary / Table of Neighboring Communities:** Linda Patterson has completed this and sent a version to Chairman John Kjellman for review.
10. **Review and Discussion of Updated Report Version 7:** The committee reviewed and discussed this version. Chairman John Kjellman to make the changes discussed by the committee and continue to develop the report. He reported that he had been unable to make as much progress on the report in recent weeks as expected, due to a serious illness in his family. He said he had been in contact with Tom Watman, chairman of the Board of Selectmen, and they mutually agreed to defer presentation of the Committee's report to the BOS for a few weeks.
11. Future meeting schedule:
 - a. Thursday PM, 8/27/09 -- Regular Committee Meeting
 - b. Thursday PM, 9/10/09 -- Regular Committee Meeting
 - c. Thursday PM, 9/24/09 -- Regular Committee Meeting
12. **Motion to adjourn was made by Linda Patterson at 9:13 PM, seconded by Bill Christiano and carried unanimously.**

Submitted 8/27/09
By Amanda Gilman
Reviewed 8/27/09
John V. Kjellman
Approved 8/27/09