

Town of Henniker
Solid Waste Disposal Committee
Eighteenth Meeting: Thursday, May 7, 2009, 7:00 PM
At The Grange

Approved Minutes

Present: Don Blanchard, Bill Christiano, Michael C. French, Amanda Gilman, Lia Houk, John V. Kjellman, Donna MacMillan, and Linda Patterson.

Absent: Rod Pimentel

- 1) Chairman John Kjellman called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Chairman's introduction:
 - a. Handouts: Agenda, draft minutes of April 23 meeting, reports from Amanda and Michael (double-sided), spreadsheet from Linda, draft Henniker businesses survey form, list 249 Henniker businesses.
 - b. PAYT and SB-2 vice town meeting are the big issues coming up in Bow. Lot's of letters in the Monitor, mostly for SB-2 and against PAYT.
 - c. The National Recycling Coalition has announced it is canceling its annual Congress and Expo that had been scheduled for Portland, Oregon in October, due to member travel restrictions. Many government agencies are restricting employee out-of-state travel.
- 2) The minutes from the 4/23/09 meeting were reviewed. **Don Blanchard made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Mike French and carried unanimously.**
- 3) NRRA Update and COOP-sponsored tour of Casella single-stream facility. NRRA is reporting prices as steady, with perhaps a slight upward trend. The monthly marketing meeting will be held in Lee this coming Wednesday.
- 4) Bob Pennock has been registered as Henniker's principal representative at the NRRA conference 6/8 and 6/9. Any member from the SWDC can register themselves at the \$55/day rate as additional members of the Henniker delegation. John Kjellman is planning on attending both days and Amanda Gilman is hoping to attend Monday.
- 5) The COOP is sponsoring a bus tour to Casella's single-stream processing facility in Auburn, Mass., Tuesday, 5/19/09. This is the same facility that several of the committee members visited last fall, but the facility has now been renovated with improved equipment and technology, and this trip will include going through the facility rather than just a video tour. Bob and Pete from the Transfer Station are going, as well as new selectman Rocky Bostrom. Lia Houk and John Kjellman will be attending for the committee.
- 6) Report from Bill on Bow Recycling, the company that is apparently processing recycled material from HCS. Per the phone book address the company is located

at 74 River Rd. The representatives Bill spoke with on the phone were reluctant to give out information and he is still waiting for a call back from the owner. The only information he was able to obtain was that the company rents out its containers and when full, they dump them. John Kjellman pointed out that on the Internet the company is also listed with the name Zero Waste but he is unsure of the connection. Bill will continue to pursue this avenue to obtain more information.

- 7) Report from Michael French on Dockham disposal in Hopkinton. This company services Hopkinton and Webster with three packer trucks and one recycling truck with separated compartments. All materials are brought to the Hopkinton-Webster transfer station. Dockham is the largest hauler for these towns. They are able to provide curbside service on any road that is maintained by the town, with the exception of a section of one road in Hopkinton that the Town didn't plow thoroughly last winter, causing them to get stuck out there.
 - a. Residential Service: 1500 residential accounts including condominiums and multi-family units. They charge \$55/quarter for rubbish removal for single-family residence curbside pickup. This will increase soon to \$60/quarter for people who do no recycling. They are considering reducing the fee to \$50/quarter for people who do recycling. Pickup is done weekly on a given weekday. They provide reduced rates for condo associations and other multi-unit groups. They charge \$26/quarter additional for removal of cleaned and separated recyclables for single-family curbside pickup. Recycling is voluntary in these towns. Customers supply containers. Pickup is done weekly on Thursdays. Recycling truck has compartments. They provide an info packet to customers describing how to handle the materials. They have 61 customers doing recycling.
 - b. Commercial Service: 100 commercial accounts. Service is provided to satisfy the needs of the customer. For example, \$88/month for a 2 yard dumpster emptied weekly. \$216/month for a 10 yd dumpster emptied weekly. They haul separated cardboard for a few customers and handle mixed paper for the schools at a price that is somewhat lower than the rubbish price.
 - c. They would consider hauling from Henniker to Penacook if they were guaranteed sufficient volume to justify purchasing another truck and hiring another driver. They also would be interested in hauling single-stream recyclables.
- 8) Report from Amanda on Naughton & Sons Recycling, B&A Waste Disposal and businesses hauling their own recycling to the Transfer Station.
 - a. Monadnock Disposal Services: Offers single stream recycling in clear plastic bags to its Keene area customers and then sorts it at their facility.

- Currently their customers in Henniker don't recycle. This trash is hauled to their own facility. They have 2 commercial customers in town.
- b. B&A: Collects both businesses and curbside residential via 95 gallon rolling carts as at the Mobil Home Park. Currently (as of 11/08) the only customer recycling is the Henniker Community School and it is transported to Bow Recycling. They service 16 accounts in Henniker.
 - c. Naughton & Sons: (Still awaiting final data) Unwilling to provide a list of specific business names of customers. They are compiling a total of the number of customers in Henniker, divided into business vs. private residences, as well as the size of collection container at each and how often it is emptied. Also compiling a total of the number of businesses utilizing cardboard or glass recycling. They did confirm that 6 customers have recycling containers, but this list is not comprehensive. Their cardboard recycling is hauled to the Henniker Transfer Station.
 - d. According to Bob Pennock there are 3 Henniker businesses that haul some of their own recycling to the Transfer Station.
- 9) Report from Linda Patterson on spreadsheet on SWD & R/C in neighboring communities. She reported that recycling rates as reported by the Transfer Station managers are very subjective and have many factors that prevent them from being easily comparable. She plans to write a few paragraphs describing these differences and inconsistencies. For this reason the committee agreed that it would be useful to also include the recycling rates for the same year as reported by the DES.
- 10) Report from John Kjellman on the HCS/JSRHS/SAU#24 SWD and recycling. JSRHS solid waste all goes to Weare. The SAU office itself takes material to the T/S&R/C. The HCS is paying B&A 151.25/month to dispose of SW (to incinerator) and R/C to Bow Recycling.
- 11) Report from John on SWD & R/C at Post Office. SW is picked up weekly by B&A Waste for \$110/month, and Empire Recycling takes the mixed paper twice a month for \$80/month. The postmaster didn't have any info if Empire's price changes with the price of paper. Empire is big in recycling paper and metals, and has a big facility in New York. John believes that most or all of the mixed paper and newsprint from the Transfer Station is taken by Empire. Empire says it doesn't pick up anywhere else in town.
- 12) Report from John on informal survey at T/S last Sunday, while handing out HRC (Henniker Recycling Committee) compost bins and rain barrels. From 11:26 AM to 1:32 PM about 119 cars and trucks entered, that's 57 and hour. Almost all seemed engaged in some sort of recycling activity. At that rate for 26 hours, it would be 1,482/wk. John postulates that maybe we get half that every week. John has also asked Peter Flynn for whatever data Mark Lindsay collected while working as the decal checker.

- 13) Review script of questions to be posed to businesses and other institutions. John incorporated most of Michael's suggestions on the script. The committee reviewed and agreed with the revised script. John proposed that the committee not ask for opinions about specific future options such as PAYT and mandatory recycling. The committee agreed that asking about curbside pickup and single-stream would be appropriate, and in particular asking for what would help the businesses most (open-ended question).
- 14) Review list of Henniker businesses: The committee reviewed the comprehensive list of 249 businesses compiled by the town. Members selected a sampling of most types of businesses in town and assignments were made for each member to call and survey specific businesses before the next meeting.
- 15) Review future meeting dates: 5/21, 6/4, 6/18, 7/9 and 7/23. All are Thursdays, and all are planned for 7:00 PM at The Grange
- 16) **Motion to adjourn made by Amanda Gilman at 9:58 pm, seconded by Lia Houk and carried unanimously.**

Submitted:

5/13/09

Amanda Gilman

Reviewed:

5/16/09

John V. Kjellman

Approved as submitted:

5/21/09