

Solid Waste Disposal Committee
Second Meeting – July 24, 2008
Meeting Minutes

Chairman John Kjellman called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM

In attendance were members Bill Christiano, Michael French, Amanda Gilman, Lia Houk, Ron Lavalley, Stephany Lavalley, Donna MacMillan, Linda Patterson and Rod Pimentel.

No others were in attendance.

1. Chairman John Kjellman introduced Amanda Gilman to the Committee. Amanda introduced herself saying she had been a long time proponent of recycling and through many discussions with family and friends about the benefits of recycling (both environmental and monetary) had become frustrated at not having the facts and information to back up her arguments. She decided to join the committee to help with research and fact finding for an issue she feels very strongly about.

2. The minutes from meeting one 7/10 were reviewed, amended and adopted.

3. Amanda Gilman was unanimously elected as committee secretary.

4. Rod Pimentel was unanimously elected as committee vice chair.

5. Review of Transfer Station goals and objectives 2007-2008 as presented to the selectmen on 7/15/08. Points of interest included that caps no longer need to be removed from plastic bottles and jugs, thus reducing skid steer traffic, and the question was raised as to whether or not separating recyclables more completely at the Transfer Station would have advantages.

6. Review of Northeast Resource Recovery Assoc. (NRRRA) conference in Concord 7/16/08 by attending members Lia Houk, John Kjellman, Donna MacMillan and Stephany and Ron Lavalley. Points of discussion included:

-The NRRRA appeared to be pushing single stream recycling

- Aluminum cat food cans are separated from aluminum soda and beer cans at the recycling center because they are made of a different type of aluminum, and as such are not worth as much. they are different from other tin cans and are worth less. Discussion centered around the question of whether any benefit would come from separating the cat food cans prior to sending them out of the Transfer Station.

-Swanzy Township presented their recycling program, reporting that they would lose money from single stream recycling.

-John Kjellman raised the question as to whether there should be 2 models of recycling depending on the needs of the town. Single stream perhaps for larger towns and a model incorporating combined recycling for smaller towns, including a truck traveling from town to town for combined collection of items of smaller volume and or frequency.

7. Status review of committee assignments: A consolidated task list was presented by John Kjellman and reviewed. Committee members presented status updates as follows:

-Ron & Stephany Lavallee: Tasks One, Two, Three and Seven

Have begun with considerable fact-finding and noted that overlap exists between the four tasks. An overview of Henniker's solid waste disposal was presented to the committee.

-Michael French: Town history regarding SWD and recycling:

Has obtained recycling committee minutes, and a copy of a Mandatory Recycling Proposal from 1993. Plans to talk to Bill Belanger about beginning of recycling in Henniker with the Lyons club, and to Don Blanchard an engineer involved in burial of Henniker's last open dump site.

-Lia Houk: Task four and five and project management:

Has begun Internet research and found many programs available online for calculation/estimating costs and charges for Pay As You Throw (PAYT) programs. Continues work on a list of local/regional companies that process solid waste and recycling.

Project Management: has begun a spreadsheet for tracking of member's task progress to be presented at the next meeting.

-Bill Christiano: Task eight

Will update the committee further at the next meeting.

-Linda Patterson: Task Nine

Asked the committee for direction as to focus of survey. Consensus centered on surveying two focus groups: one of towns with similar population, size, demographics, etc and the other of towns with cutting edge and/or exemplary programs Also, she will continue to research national and local trends, laws and regulations.

-Rod Pimentel: Task Six

Continues to examine the current technology of incineration and the feasibility of incineration at a more local level. Has discovered Gassification, a greener method of incineration and will continue to investigate.

-Donna MacMillan: Swap Shop Evaluation

She encountered logistical problems with her attempt to determine how much material goes in and out of the swap shop. John Kjellman said he would discuss the issue with Bob Pennock.

-John Kjellman: Developing a plan / outline and overall goals to help guide and steer the committee further. Will present it at the next meeting.

8. Transfer station visit planned by John Kjellman for 8/12/08 at 5:30 PM pending correspondence with Bob Pennock.

9. Wheelabrator and Franklin Landfill visit planned by John Kjellman for 8/7/08 at 2:00 PM pending correspondence with involved facilities. Noted closed toe shoes required and many stairs are involved.

10. Next meeting confirmed for 8/21/08 at 7:00 PM in the Community Center.

11. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

Respectfully submitted, Amanda Gilman, Committee Secretary