



NASWAC Meeting Minutes
May 29th, 2008 7:00 PM
DPW Building

Attendees: Tina Klein, Steve Daly, Bruce Thibodeau, Karen Kline, Susan Seaquist, Pete Murley, Norm Bagley.

- I. Call to Order
Meeting commenced at 7:00 pm
Norm Bagley to take minutes
- II. Accept last meeting's minutes
Minutes from May 9th meeting accepted.
- III. Old Business

TBI update

Contract has been signed. Tina / Bruce appeared at selectmen meeting and indicated that this is a good venue for disseminating information to the public since it is televised, and questioning by the selectmen helps to elicit needed information. In connection with this Steve commented UPS will take packing foam material.

Weekly / Single Stream Recycling Transition Planning

Discussion:

Weekly / Single Stream recycling collection to start week of 6/16

Flyer will be distributed for ~2 weeks prior to start; to be left in recycling bins

Flyer was reviewed; comments from Susan/Norm re flyer ambiguity re acceptable types of paper/plastic

Bruce asked about policy on cardboard. Response is that it is ok to leave out if it won't blow away; boxes don't have to be broken down; cardboard to be placed in containers such that it won't get stuck when dumped.

Schools will be switching over after school ends.

Town recycling trucks likely to be sold/auctioned.

Bruce brought literature for roll out bins. Pete took the initiative to go home and get one for us to examine.

Concern expressed that empty 65g bin weighs up to 40lbs, leaving only 10 lbs for material given a 50lb limit as indicated in the flyer. Possibility to use smaller bins. However, probably not a problem since TBI handling these elsewhere; can likely tip them rather than lifting. Bruce concerned re what DPW should purchase. Also suggested recycling of red bins.

Action Items:

Tina: Content of flyer to appear in OPT

Bruce: Content of flyer to appear on web site under heading such as 'New Recycling Procedures' or "New Recycling Opportunities"

Bruce: Links to flyer content to be added to Town Home Page, DPW page, as well as recycling page.

Bruce: Web site to be updated re weekly vs. bi-weekly (remove colors on streets), and any other existing conflicting information to be removed / updated

All: To review web site and send comments to Bruce re needed changes

Bruce: To have extra flyers at DPW

Bruce: To arrange TV announcement re weekly recycling start 6/16 & reference to web for more info

Tina: To send flyer to recycling captains

Susan: To arrange for flyer / articles to appear in newspapers
Bruce: To contact TBI re use of 65g bins & weight restriction
Bruce: To defer purchase of containers. May encumber funds for this use.

Multi-unit Building Recycling

Discussion:

Questions if mandatory recycling bylaw applies to apartment complexes
Northside would prefer recycling dumpsters at complexes
Questions re classification of Assisted Living facility as residential for inclusion in recycling contract; since Royal Crest and Edgewood are included, Ashland farms probably should be.

Action Items:

Steve: To contact Ashland Farms re placement of recycling dumpster
TBD: Determine which of 1200 multi family dwellings in town are already being serviced for recycling, and which need to be contacted.
TBD: Get educational door hangers from DEP via grant for use in multi family dwellings

Misc general recycling

Discussion:

Bruce explained IPR to pay town for recyclables at \$7.50/ton co-mingled and prevailing rate for paper; approx \$40/ton; then will charge back \$35/ton for single stream. However there is a minimum payment from IPR to the town of \$20/ton in any case. Last year the town received approx. \$40,000.
Tina explained how the recyclables are processed by Deroso on Holt Rd.

Action Items:

TBD: To plan a field trip to the recycling processor.

Town Wide Yard Sale 6/21 - 6/22

Discussion:

Steve distributed sign up sheet, Publicity plan, writeup for paper.
Tina commented may want to add something for rain date
Steve added innovation from prior years - a category checklist for each yard sale
Anticipate 30-60 sellers

ActionItems:

Steve: To generate sale location list week prior to sale for distribution to buyers
Susan: To publicize via local papers
Bruce: To publicize on town website
Bruce: To publicize on cable tv
Steve: To possibly mention at board of selectman meeting 6/16
Steve: To publicize via school newsletters (to call Lisa for contacts)
Steve: To publicize at St Michael church
Tina: to email recycling captains for sellers now; buyers w/o 6/16
N/A: not doing signs
Bruce/DPW: To collect registration fees, to be used for running newspaper add on ~Thursday prior to sale
Steve/Bruce: To post seller list on web site during week prior to sale

IV. New Business

Steve to release use of library meeting room

V. Adjourn

Next scheduled meeting 7/10 at DPW