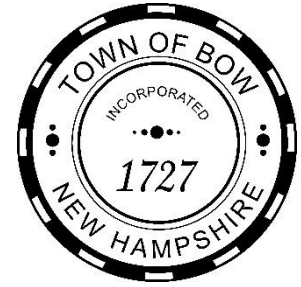




**Town of Bow Recycling and Solid Waste
Committee**

Meeting Minutes

February 1, 2022 Meeting



To: David Stack, Town Manager

cc: Bow Administrative Assistant, Committee Webpage, Recycling Committee Members

Re: Draft Recycling and Solid Waste Committee Minutes for February 1, 2022 Meeting

Date: February 2, 2022

Committee Member Attendees: Sherri Cheney, Beth Titus, Taj Pietkiewicz, Mark Davis and Danielle Ruane

Also in attendance: Woody Bowne

MEETING BEGAN AT 7:39 PM.

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes of the January 4, 2022 Meeting

Taj Pietkiewicz moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Mark Davis. Approved unanimously.

2. Tipping Fees

Sherri Cheney reported on status of tipping fees. The December of 2021 recycling fee was approximately \$77/ton. In January of 2022, the fee went down to \$68.94. Pinard anticipates that the recycling fees will continue to decline into February. The cost of recycling continues to be less expensive than the cost to dispose of trash. The Committee will continue to monitor fluctuations in the fees.

3. Discussion of Trash and Single Stream Collected

Sherri Cheney provided a chart showing the amount of trash and recycling collected for calendar year 2020 versus 2021. The number of tons collected for trash and recycling for both years were almost identical. In 2021, the total tons of trash collected was 2,312.86 and the

total tons of recyclables collected was 926.68. The town is currently recycling 29% of all waste items being collected by Pinard.

4. Zero Waste and Helpsy– Textile Recycling:

Discussion of proposal by Zero Waste and Helpsy to collect textiles. There is no cost to participate in the program. Zero Waste will collect the items from the residents. Zero Waste anticipates savings to the town resulting from the reduction of trash collected (approximately 4 pounds per residence), and will also pay the town \$40 per ton for the items collected. The Committee will discuss the proposal with David Stack.

5. Household Hazardous Waste Day 2022:

Sherri Cheney distributed information about this year's anticipated costs for HHWD. When compared to 2021 a corrected spreadsheet shows that there would be a 11.4% increase in the set-up fee and a 3.4% increase in the per unit cost. This would result in a 5.2% percentage increase in the total cost for 2022 if the amount of hazardous waste collected is the same as in 2021. The Committee believes that this increase is reasonable and unanimously agreed to recommend to the Selectmen to continue using NRRA to coordinate with EPI for HHWD 2022. The tentative date of HHWD is October 15, 2022.

Sherri Cheney recommends updating the 2021 contract with NRRA for this year's anticipated event.

6. Future Activities, Articles and Educational Information

Danielle Ruane is working on an article for the Bow Times about winter composting, but it may not get published this winter. Suggestion of writing educational article about brush dump, which could include advice for disposing of Christmas trees. Danielle Ruane will contemplate other topics for future articles. Ideas include electronics recycling and glass recycling (New London example).

Discussion of downloading some of articles on the DES website for circulation on our social media pages. Taj Pietkiewicz agreed to download and post some of the articles.

7. Next Meeting

Next meeting is March 1, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. (IN PERSON).

Meeting adjourned 8:35 p.m.