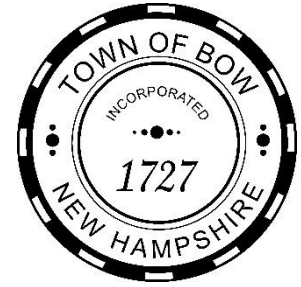




**Town of Bow Recycling and Solid Waste
Committee**

Meeting Minutes

April 5, 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 April 5, 2022 Meeting

Date: April 5, 2022

Committee Member Attendees: Sherri Cheney, Beth Titus, Mark Davis, Rebecca Elwood and Danielle Ruane. Taj Pietkiewicz participated telephonically, and announced that nobody was in the room with him.

Also in attendance – Jessica Dunbar and Mike Conroy

MEETING BEGAN AT 7:38 PM.

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes of the March 1, 2022 Meeting

Sherri recommended revisions to minutes to change it to state that the next meeting is at 7:30. Sherri also noted that the word "of" is missing in the last sentence. Taj Pietkiewicz moved to approve the minutes as amended. Seconded by Mark Davis. Approved unanimously.

2. Tipping Fees

Sherri Cheney reported on status of tipping fees. In February of 2022, the fee was \$68.27. In March of 2022, the fee was reduced to \$62.93. The cost of recycling continues to be less expensive than the cost to dispose of trash. The solid waste disposal fee for 2022 is \$74.70. The fee for 2021 was \$71.10. The Committee will continue to monitor fluctuations in the fees.

3. Discussion of Trash and Single Stream Collected

In the month of February of 2022, Pinard collected 62.88 tons of recyclables (in comparison to 61.05 tons in February of 2021). Sherri

Cheney reported that she reviewed the spreadsheet provided by Pinard for February, and compared it to bills from Pinard and weight slips. Sherri Cheney reported that there were occasions during which trash that was brought to Zero Waste. This was addressed last month, and she was told that there were some occasions when the incinerator was unavailable to receive the load.

- WasteZero and HELPSY– Textile Recycling:

Sherri Cheney reported that the contract between the Town and WasteZero has been signed. HELPSY has provided information on how to get the program started.

Discussion of proceeds from program. The Committee agreed that there would not be a lot of revenue generated from this program.

Discussion of using Sunday for pick up. The Committee unanimously agreed that Sundays would work.

HELPSY will help develop flyers. These can be posted on social media, town website, school notices and the library newsletter. They can also be distributed in the community center, library, town hall and the youth center. They can also be handed out on election day, as well as during HHWD and Trunk or Treat.

HELPSY will also create a press release, which should be put in the Bow Times and Concord Monitor.

6. HHWD 2022

The contract for this year's HHWD has been fully executed, and the grant paperwork for the State has been received. Sherri Cheney provided the grant paperwork to the town manager's office for review.

Mark Davis confirmed that the electronics vendor is available.

Mike Conroy is working on a traffic plan, and noted that he now has another volunteer to assist with traffic.

The Committee discussed last year's event, and agreed that it went smoothly in part because the traffic plan worked, the DPW workers assisted with the oil and there were slightly fewer vehicles.

7. Composting

A "Talking Trash" article about composting has been submitted by Danielle Ruane for the Bow Times. NRRA is again holding a compost bin sale, but the Committee agreed that it did not want to participate in this program for 2022.

Beth Titus will find out if a table can be created at the library to discuss composting.

8. Reappointments to the Committee

Rebecca Elwood, Mark Davis and Taj Pietkiewicz all confirmed that they want to continue as members of the Committee for another term.

9. Minutes from the Concord Regional Solid Waste Cooperative Meetings

Sherri Cheney will obtain a copy and circulate.

10. Other Items to Discuss

The Scouts are no longer doing an annual yard sale, however residents in the town now have a community yard sale. Discussion that the Facebook swap shop also works well for donating items.

11. Next Meeting

Next meeting is May 3, 2022 at 7:30 p.m (TOWN HALL).

Meeting adjourned 8:50 p.m.