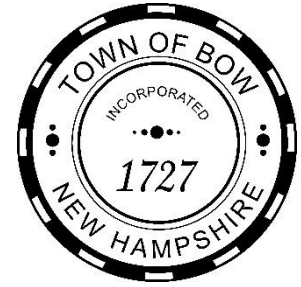




**Town of Bow Recycling and Solid Waste
Committee**

Meeting Minutes

November 1, 2022 Meeting



To: David Stack, Town Manager

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

Re: Recycling and Solid Waste Committee Minutes for November 1, 2022 Meeting (DRAFT)

Date: November 1, 2022

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

Also in attendance: Leon Bernard and Marc Shibilia

MEETING BEGAN AT 7:06 PM.

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

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

2. Recycling Tipping Fees –October 2022 Rates

Sherri Cheney reported on status of tipping fees. In September 2022, the fee for recycling was approximately \$136/ton. In October 2022, the fee increased to approximately \$147/ton. By way of comparison, earlier this year, the rates were approximately \$50/ton. The prices have increased significantly over the last few months.

Danielle Ruane discussed a recent article from NRRA addressing the market factors causing the increase in the cost of the tipping fees. The link to the article is: <https://www.nrrarecycles.org/news/recycling-markets-are-down-heres-why>

The Committee agrees that the recycling program should continue at this time and to continue monitoring the market.

3. Discussion of Trash and Single Stream Collected –Review of Weight Slips

Sherri Cheney has audited the weight slips sent to us from Pinard for September. Sherri Cheney did not find any discrepancies. During the first nine months of 2022 (January through September), residents of Bow recycled 6.6% less than the same timeframe in 2001. Trash has increased by 1.7%.

4. Waste Zero/HELPSY — Implementation of curbside textile recycling

The Committee has not yet received an update for October. The Committee discussed holding another campaign to promote HELPSY.

5. Household Hazardous Waste Day – Wrap Up Discussion

Sherri Cheney provided a report on the number of vehicles served over the last 15 years. The overall number of cars decreased 12.5% from last year. The overall number of units collected (a unit is approximately 5 gallons) was 445. There were 248 vehicles from Bow, and 65 vehicles from Dunbarton. An additional 22 cars brought only electronics and were not counted by town. Discussion of how the cost of the event is split between Bow and Dunbarton.

Discussion of latex paint disposal. The Committee discussed the best ways to dry latex paint, including a technique of using cardboard. The Committee also discussed offering free paint-drying products to residents at the HHWD, but will need to review the cost of such commercial products.

Discussion of how to improve event:

- Post-it note colors should be improved because it was difficult to differentiate the colors in the sun.
- Have more flyers in town hall and other public locations.
- The DPW electronic sign is difficult to read in daylight.
- Banner should be purchased to advertise event.
- Provide a reminder in spring to save items for HHWD.

Other discussion items:

- The committee supports using EPI in the future.
- Alternative options for electronics collection, and discussion of cost .
- EPI stated that in most towns, EPI will sort “universal waste” (the items collected by Dunbarton). The Committee agreed that it prefers to sort the items, but this should be discussed with Woody Bowne.

Dates for 2023 Event

- The committee agreed that October 21, 2023 would work as a potential date.

6. Terracycle

Leon Bernard discussed the Terracycle program.

- Many of the collection programs are for very specific items and/or brands.
 - The manufacturers agree to have their products returned to them for recycling. Some programs offer free shipping.
 - Some funds are provided to charity.
- We can sign up as a municipal drop-off point. There are bins that can be purchased.
- Examples:
 - All types of pens are collected, and there is no shipping charge.
 - Gillette – You can send in your razor blades (any brand) and plastic packaging, but now they charge to ship (unless the town signs up as a drop-off point.)
 - Calpahlon – Will collect all types of metal bakeware.
- Discussion of providing education about the program, as well as creating public pick-up locations.

Motion by Danielle Ruane to create a subcommittee to discuss implementation and education of the Terracycle program. Second by Taj Pietkiewicz.

Unanimously approved. Member of the subcommittee will be Sherri Cheney, Danielle Ruane, Leon Bernard and Marc Shibilia.

7. Next Meetings

No meeting in December (holiday party at Sherri Cheney's house on December 6, 2022 at 7 pm).

Next Committee meeting on January 3, 2023 at 7pm.

Terracycle Subcommittee will meet on November 17, 2022 at 5:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned 8:44 p.m.