

Solid Waste Committee Meeting Minutes 03-15-21

Present: Harvey is traveling, and everyone else is present.

Jon reported on Mike's presentation to the Budget Board and BOS, an increase of \$70k+- because of the return of recycling. Mike's view is to get bins out and around town to reduce contamination, including plastic bags being used for recycling. Also, non-recyclable plastic toys and food waste is seen on a recent bike tour by Mike. The town does not want us to use interns this summer to check in with neighbors who have recycling because of COVID.

Tom asked about "OOOPS" cards, and Mike reported the collectors thought recycling was pretty clean, but Mike had biked the route first to check on bins and tossed some materials into the garbage. Paul suggested we also have to get to rental cleaning staff to educate them when we get materials to realtors.

Perhaps signs could go up on GRB signs to say recycling tomorrow and put up every week "No Plastic Bag" sticker at GRB - like a bumper sticker and put on every recycling bin at rentals and goose rocks Mike/Jon to speak to Laurie about spending for bins/magnets/stickers for this summer, particularly for seasonals — is there money free in the budget for any of these items?

Paul will do an invite/agenda for meeting with realtors. (See below) Lists to mail to with info including Goose Rocks Beach Committee List, Gatherings List, and STR list. Sandwich Board - ??? Decided not permanent, just on special days or events.

Draft of Notice for Realtors:

You are receiving this email because the Kennebunkport Solid Waste and Recycling Committee has identified you as a realtor with a summer rental business in Kennebunkport.

You are no doubt aware that recycling has returned to Kennebunkport, and happily, our "contamination" rates have been low so far. High contamination rates mean higher costs to the town, this is the greatest threat to being able to continue recycling in 2021 and beyond.

We have been working on the recycling rollout and have several initiatives planned for the summer season. We recognize that our greatest challenge is getting summer rentals to understand our system and to recycle in accordance with those rules.

We would like to discuss our plans with you and get your input before we finalize our plans. We will hold a zoom meeting with our committee on one of the dates suggested in this email and ask that you indicate when you would be able to attend. Once we set the date, we will confirm the date and time with you and send you the zoom link.

Thanks for your support of our efforts.

Paul Hogan