

Solid Waste Committee Meeting Minutes 7-1-19

Present: Jon Dykstra, Dave Eglinton, Harvey Flashen, Paul Hogan, Thomas McClain, Mike Claus, Sarah Merriam

Discussed current recycling operations and vendors for the collection and marketing of curbside recyclables. Discussed market conditions for zero-sort curbside recycling. Went over Solid Waste Committee Mission Statement. Discussed the end of the current Oceanside Recycling Collection and Marketing Contract on August 30, 2019. Discussed that in previous years we have paid for the collection of recyclables but have had a \$0 cost for marketing recyclables, and our current estimate for marketing cost for curbside zero sort recyclables was negative \$110 per ton and that Kennebunkport annually produced about 400 tons of curbside zero sort recyclables in the past. Discussed Town Meeting vote, which funded approximately the current budget for recycling but did not add any funds for paying to market recyclables. Discussed possible options for providing limited curbside recycling with no marketing cost or offsetting marketing costs with reduced collection costs. Mike Claus to contact Oceanside to see if those ideas were feasible. Mike Claus to send Committee members the Solid Waste Budget page from Annual Town Meeting Report. Discussed the Recycling Grant from MaineDEP for home composting. Paul Hogan and Tom McClain to review home composting bins and kitchen bins noted in the grant proposal and make a recommendation on residential composting bins. Mike Claus said that Matt King of MaineDEP would also be available to make recommendations on home composting bins. It was discussed that the committee needs to make a recommendation on recycling before July 30th. The next meeting is planned for Monday, July 15th, at 9:00 am. Will continue the monthly meeting schedule after that.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.

MEETING UPDATE: There is an all-day open house on the Village Parcel project at 32 North St. on July 15th. I have scheduled the Police Department Meeting room at 9:00 am on July 15th for the Solid Waste Committee.

DRAFT MINUTES: Paul and Sarah both took notes at the meeting. Omissions or corrections are welcome from them or any committee member.

Michael Claus
Kennebunkport Public Works Director