

Recycling Incentive Grant Committee Minutes
Wednesday, June 25, 2014

Present: Mary Jo Nosal, Leslie O'Connor, Sam Fuchs, Gary Yuknat, Lou Russo, Bob Gentile, Tom Gotowka, Cathy Frank, Bonnie Reemsnyder

Selectwoman Mary Jo Nosal convened the meeting at 4:35pm.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Leslie O'Connor, seconded by Tom Gotowka to approve the minutes of June 11, 2014. Motion passed.

Gary Yuknat clarified some of the information discussed on June 11 & included in the minutes: Shoreline (now Old Lyme) Sanitation does pick up trash from Regional District 18 schools. Willimantic Waste picks up recycling from the schools.

Survey

- Final review of survey

Committee members reviewed changes made to the survey following the June 11 review and suggested some additional changes.

- Approve Survey

A motion was made by Bob Gentile, seconded by Leslie O'Connor to approve the Survey with the additional changes recommended. Motion passed.

- Determine Plan for Survey Distribution
 - ✓ Leslie and Mary Jo will draft a press release that will be sent with a link to the final survey to organizations in Town.
 - ✓ Mary Jo will drop off paper copies of the final survey to the Library, Town Hall and other locations. We will make sure any paper copies are recycled after data entry.
 - ✓ The survey announcement will be posted on the Town website with a reminder every 2 weeks throughout the summer.
 - ✓ Members agreed 1,000 was too high a goal – we hope to receive at least 100 responses.
 - ✓ Reference Librarian will be asked to refer people to the online survey.
 - ✓ Bob Gentile is willing to ask people at Coffee's on Tuesdays & Wednesdays to complete the survey.
 - ✓ Goal is to post final survey to the website & email to contacts by July 1.

Joint BOS/BOF Information Session with DSM

Natalie Starr of DSM will do a recycling presentation at a joint Board of Selectmen/Board of Finance meeting at 6pm on Tuesday, July 15. The Town will provide pizza.

Recycling Committee members are encouraged to attend.

We will ask BOS/BOF members to complete the survey at the meeting.

Development Needs

- FAQs for web site

Tom will review the Frequently Asked Questions we have and suggest edits at the next meeting.

- Stickers for Enforcement

Gary currently uses tags that are wired to cart handles when drivers observe carts with unacceptable materials. He is working on "Dos & Dont's" for the new Old Lyme Sanitation website.

At the next meeting, Recycling Committee will review stickers that identify what should & should not go into the Trash and recycling carts. Gary will bring information on stickers.

The Committee also needs to consider the issue of how to handle trash can replacement. The Town provided 1 trash container at no charge to every household and those original carts are starting to show wear & tear. Should Town provide replacement at no charge/shared charge/other arrangement?

Counts from Gary

Gary provided pick-up counts from a recent week:

Monday: <u>Trash</u>	1560-1580	<u>Recycling:</u>	980
Tuesday:	564		646
Wed:	808		702
Thurs:	243		154
Fri:	775		624

Average weight range was 26 to 28 lbs.

Recycling rate ranged from 63% (Monday & Thursday) to 115% (Tuesday).

Gary will continue to track.

Other Business

Question: do we need recycling bins for Parks & Rec facilities?

Public Comment

None

Next meetings

Tuesday, July 15 at 4:30pm (preceding the Joint BOS/BOF meeting)

Wednesday, July 30, 4:30pm

Adjournment

A motion was made by Lou Russo, seconded by Bob Gentile, to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 6pm.

Cathy Frank

6/30/14