

**Salisbury Recycling Committee**  
***Meeting Minutes***

November 8, 2018

Attendees: Barbara Carr, Joe Schmidl, Pete Ballou, Steve Wheeler, Eric Swendsen, Amanda Swendsen, Philip Alton, Emma Saber, Dylan Carlson

Meeting opened at 7:00 pm.

Chair Barbara Carr handed out an Agenda and Information Sheets to the attendees and made an opening statement.

The discussion followed the Information Sheet, with the following results.

Construction Debris: It was suggested that a sign describing the cost for disposal of Construction Debris be posted outside of the Mall Building. (The price list is currently located inside the Mall Building). The current fee structure results in a roughly break-even situation.

It was noted that separated Construction Debris might cost less to dispose of. But at the Town's current accumulation rate, it would be impractical to stage all the segregated materials separately. We should look into consolidating such debris with other towns, in order to increase the accumulation rate.

Paper: The processing fee for baling recycled paper currently is in excess of what we are paid for the material, such that the cost of paper recycling is roughly equivalent to the cost of incineration. Because of the interest of citizens to keep recycling, we have not proposed to cease recycling paper at this time. Unfortunately, baling is required for recycled paper.

Aluminum: It was suggested that the access to the aluminum trailer be reconfigured.

Recognizing that a lot of recyclable (and not combustible) material still is being disposed of to the general waste dumpsters, there followed a discussion of whether recycling could be made mandatory. With a large enough group of volunteers, more of the trash destined for the general waste dumpsters could be screened, and recyclables recovered. The group recognized that there could be resistance to such a plan, and that it would take a lot of outreach to make it happen.

The possibility of providing recycling bins was also discussed, but it was suspected to be cost-prohibitive.

There was quite a bit of interest in maintaining the Transfer Station's Wednesday afternoon/evening hours year-round. The only thing preventing this is the lack of lighting, which is due to the lack of electricity. There was a good discussion of the options for bringing power to the landfill. The best option appeared to be to first establish a solar-powered lighting system. The discussion continued to the potential of bringing power lines to the Transfer Station, which could facilitate the establishment of a solar farm on the former landfill behind the Transfer Station, and would serve to pay for the project over time.