

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

December 8, 2018

Attendees: Barbara Carr, Joe Schmidl, Steve Wheeler, Eric Swendsen

Meeting opened at 7:00 pm.

Chair Barbara Carr handed out an Agenda.

The discussion began by discussing the availability of information regarding recycling at the Transfer Station. SW pointed out that weatherproof signage will cost money. The group decided that the current rate schedule for recycling (e.g., electronics) should be posted on a Transfer Station page on the Town's website.

Old Business: JS noted that we should begin exploring solar vendors in order to proceed with installing lighting at the Transfer Station, to enable us to maintain Wednesday afternoon and evening hours year-round.

New Business: BC said she would draft a Mission Statement and circulate it around the group before the next meeting. She also committed to doing research and attempt to make arrangements to visit nearby Transfer Stations.

There was an in-depth discussion of the issues surrounding glass "recycling", in quotes because we reuse it rather than recycle it. SW noted that is one of our heavier waste streams, and folks who fail to segregate it from the main waste stream add significantly to the Town's cost of waste disposal. Diverting it from our waste stream is one of our most economical actions. The discussion turned to how to improve compliance with glass segregation. SW told a few stories of residents who became upset when they were challenged for not diverting glass. the real challenge with this issue is how to improve compliance through some form of inspection and enforcement.

It was discussed that we could save additional money in the recycling program if aluminum cans were crushed before going in the trailer. The savings would be in reducing the number of trips (labor and mileage).

The group planned to discuss plastic recycling at the next meeting. One idea to evaluate was to have residents bring unsorted plastic to the Transfer Station, and segregate the #1 and #2 plastics onsite, and add the remainder to the main waste stream.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Schmidl