

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

January 10, 2019

Attendees: Barbara Carr, Joe Schmidl, Steve Wheeler, Philip Alton, Dylan Carlson

Meeting opened at 7:00 pm.

JS apologized that minutes had not been written up, but briefly reviewed the notes from the previous meeting.

Transfer Station Visit: SW noted that he had tried to set up a meeting with the Andover Transfer Station, with no luck. PA indicated he would make it a point to visit the Transfer Station in his hometown of Greenville and report back.

It was resolved that an email reminder to previous attendees of upcoming meetings will be important. JS promised to send an email to the attendees, with draft meeting minutes, prior to the next meeting.

JS reported that the Select Board has been informed of the desire to maintain the Transfer Station's Wednesday afternoon/evening hours year-round. The lack of lighting can be solved by installing solar-powered lighting, and the Select Board believed that use of existing Capital Improvement funds dedicated to electrifying the Transfer Station can be used for this. Longer-term plans should explore 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 electrification project over time.




SW reported another break-in at the Transfer Station, which resulted in no theft, and damage only to the lock. DC suggested that security cameras might be helpful in reducing the risk.

PA suggested that the Town could use a trash-truck as a compactor. He reminded the group that he has a lot of experience in obtaining good, used equipment from government auctions.

DC asked SW about how the charges to folks disposing of Construction Debris compares with the Town's disposal costs for the same. SW indicated that it is essentially a break-even.

All agreed that recycling of sorted #1 and #2 plastics would be a good first step in re-establishing plastics recycling. SW indicated that substantial oversight would be needed to inspect the recycled plastic, as this waste stream has been the most problematic previously, with dirty containers, plastic bags, incorrect plastic types, and metal items having been common contaminants. JS suggested that members of the Recycling Committee could volunteer to do the inspecting; SW reminded the group that NHDES regulations require all Transfer Station personnel to undergo substantial training, for which there is a cost to the Town. JS said he would meet with Tara in the solid waste program at NHDES to inquire whether such volunteers could either be exempted or trained to a lesser degree.

Mission Statement: JS noted the wide range of topics discussed so far this evening, and that some of them, such as Transfer Station hours, appeared to be off the topic of recycling. He suggested that spending some time on developing the Mission Statement for the committee would help focus their efforts. Going around the room, the following points were expressed regarding what the members thought the Recycling Committee should focus on:

-  To help the Town continue recycling for the primary purpose of improving the environment;
-  To help the Town save money by diverting recyclables from the general waste stream; and
-  To promote home-composting of organic waste, in order to reduce the Town's waste stream.

BC said she would try to incorporate these three points into a Mission Statement for the next meeting. JS suggested that these points epitomize the step-wise process that the committee will need to follow to gradually increase recycling participation in the Town: some people will be early adopters for the primary purpose of improving the environment, others will join later, when the cost savings to the Town can be demonstrated. DC noted that the “final” step to achieve full participation may need to be mandatory recycling; by that time, non-participants will be a minority who will hopefully be convinced by overwhelming peer pressure.

Status of Recycling in Salisbury:

Current: Aluminum, Paper/Cardboard, Electrical, Metal. Glass is diverted for onsite use as road bed.

Proposed: #1 and #2 Plastic

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

Submitted by Joseph Schmidl