

Salisbury Recycling Committee
Meeting Minutes

February 14, 2019

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

Meeting opened at 7:00 pm.

Chair Barbara Carr handed out an Agenda.

Began by voting to approve the three previous meetings minutes.

Old Business

Selectman Schmidl had not contacted anyone at NHDES Solid waste Bureau regarding whether volunteers could be “certified” to support recycling operations at a level less-intensive than typical Transfer Station workers. Transfer Station Operator Wheeler didn’t think so, or else the regulations would call out such a protocol.

The Transfer Station visits discussed last meeting have not occurred. Mr. Alton was not present to report whether he had visited the Greenfield Transfer Station. The visits were to be scheduled in the spring.

Barbara Carr provided a draft Mission Statement. There was a brief discussion and Selectman Schmidl offered two small edits. The committee approved the Mission Statement unanimously. It reads:

The Salisbury Recycling Committee is a group of citizen volunteers dedicated to developing, promoting, and supporting the recovery and recycling of solid waste materials in the town of Salisbury, in order to help ease the tax burden on its citizens, reduce the impact of waste on the environment, and help educate the public.

New Business: There was a brief discussion regarding improving signage at the Transfer Station. In addition, there was a discussion about adding some of the relative information regarding transfer station fees to the Transfer Station webpage on the town website.

Transfer Station Operator Wheeler shared information regarding the promotion of composting and other waste recovery containers through the NRRA. The committee reviewed the information many of the items might be good to promote at the transfer station. The committee discussed how the items would be paid for. Transfer Station Operator Wheeler will look into obtaining single items in order to have displays on hand. There would be a signup sheet for individuals interested in the items. When a sufficient number of individuals have signed up with interest in the items, they would be contacted in order to obtain pre-payment for the items. Finally, the items would be dropped off at the transfer station for pick-up.

The committee discussed how it could enhance the understanding of the recycling program in Salisbury among schoolchildren. Transfer Station Operator Wheeler indicated that NRRA has a speaker’s program that can be sent to local schools for a small fee. However, in the past the

school has been reluctant to have such a speaker. Selectman Schmidl suggested that a more locally-oriented program would be more effective at reaching the school children. Selectman Schmidl indicated that he would contact the school and see if such a program, perhaps coordinated with earth day activities in April, would be of interest. Transfer Station Operator Wheeler is committed to putting on the program and the school should be interested in it.

There was a brief discussion regarding increasing the size of the Recycling Committee. As recommended that each member brings a friend to the next meeting in order to increase the group of people who are able to contribute to projects. Selectman Schmidl indicated that he would have the meeting minutes done in prompt fashion next month, so they could be posted in the *Lifelines* newsletter. This would hopefully provide an opportunity for people to see the list are valuable projects they could get involved with.

Selectman Schmidl reminded the group that this would be the final month that he would be attending the committee meetings as the representative Selectman. He recommended that the committee find a Secretary to take future meeting notes. No one volunteered at the meeting.

Amanda Swendsen asked Transfer Station Operator Wheeler where the plastic goes that is recycled by the town. Transfer Station Operator Wheeler replied that it is delivered to a Casella waste recycling facility, where it is combined with plastic from other towns, then bundled and brought to an MRE facility in Auburn, MA.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Schmidl