

**Recycling Committee Meeting Notes**  
**July 13, 2010**  
**7:00 P.M., Academy Building**

The meeting started at 7:15 PM

Those present: Justin Leavitt, Breane Vachon, Johnna McKenna, Lew Henry, Andrew Stockwell and Barbara Swanson

1. The minutes for the June 8, 2010 meeting were approved.
2. Lew presented his survey results for June 23, 2010. There were an assortment of positive and negative responses to the town's current recycling. Of note was a comment to have more hazardous waste days and to have them in Gilmanton. Justin said that we are not set up to collect hazardous waste in Gilmanton and at \$2600.00 a day to be able to participate at the Belmont facility, it is too costly to have multiple days.
3. Some questions that came up included: Why isn't Styrofoam recycled? (answer: It's too expensive to reclaim and there is no market/source to recycle it yet). Why can't wet cardboard go into the recycling bin? (answer: It's considered contaminated and therefore unusable/unsellable). Why not buy a hauling truck and save the town some money? (Comment: It costs approximately \$110/per haul for C&D, or approximately \$30,000/year. It costs another approximately \$190/haul for trash, or approximately \$2,400/month = \$28,800/year. A "decent" used truck would run approximately \$35,000 and a new one would run approximately \$150,000, so it would pay for itself.)
4. Discussion of our July 3<sup>rd</sup> presence at the Fourth of July parade: It was good that we were there, but it didn't seem to have much of an impact. Barbara guessed that there might have been a dozen folks that came by the table and picked up brochures. It was suggested that we have bigger signs and/or a different location nearer to the flow of pedestrian traffic.
5. Discussion of our Open House: This was a good idea, but with only 3 people showing (Justin, Johnna and Andrew) it was not very well attended. It was suggested that we try again in the fall (October 3<sup>rd</sup>) and do more promoting of it with an article, perhaps a "sandwich" board placed in plain site at the Recycling Facility and via the school. Also noted was the fact that some thought this was an opportunity to drop off trash earlier than normal, so we need to promote this as a fun educational experience, not extended hours. It was also suggested that we update the remaining flyers with the new date and have them displayed at the libraries as well as the town hall.
6. Old Home Day was mentioned as another opportunity to have a presence with the Recycle-mobile and a table and handouts for folks. No plans were discussed for who would be at the table.
7. Breane offered to write an article and/or letter to the editor to let folks know some of the latest recycling news. It was noted that recycling saves money and it might be a good point to cover by letting folks know how much money is generated by recycling and how that might save them on their taxes.
8. A note was made that the NRRA made some suggestions for improving the Recycling Facility (including an improved traffic pattern) and the selectmen should consider the suggestions made. Justin is working on a proposal to present to the Selectmen. It was also noted that our committee should report to the Selectmen on a quarterly basis and this might be a good topic to include.

9. The direction of recycling in Gilmanton: It was mentioned that Liz Bedard may come to a meeting to explain the benefits of Single Stream Recycling. Because she works for a company that provides this service, it was suggested that we try to have an independent (non-bias) person come to discuss options with us. Johnna has someone that she can contact that is affiliated with the Lakes Region Planning Commission. Additional options for recycling in Gilmanton include “pay as you go”; Mandatory or Mandatory with an option to “pay as you throw” (which seems to be working well for Pittsfield); Recycling the way it is now and Dual Stream. The committee should all do some homework and bring findings to the next meeting.
10. Additional note: Lori Sandborn's name was given to the Selectmen to contact as a possible new member of the Recycling Committee.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM on the top floor of the Academy Building.

Respectfully submitted,

*Barbara E. Swanson*

Recording clerk