

**BURRILLVILLE RUBBISH AND RECYCLING
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**Meeting Place: Town Hall Annex, 144 Harrisville Main Street,
Harrisville, RI**

Meeting Date: March 21, 2011

Meeting Time: 7:00 PM

Members Present:

Colleen Joubert, Vice Chair Andrea Hall, Recycling Coordinator

Robyn Volpini, Secretary David Place, Town Council Liaison

Christine Mulligan Steve Rawson, Town Council Liaison*

Greg Mislick

Other Members Present: None

Members Absent:

None

Public Comment: None.

1) That the question of approving minutes of the regular meeting of the Burrillville Rubbish and Recycling Committee held on February 7, 2011 and the question of dispensing with the reading of said minutes; be now taken up. Greg Mislick motioned to approve minutes upon amending. Motion was seconded by Robyn Volpini and unanimously

approved.

New Business to be considered and acted on:

2) Discussion/action relative to performance of Coastal Recycling. According to Andrea Hall, Coastal still has not gotten GPS installed into the trucks as agreed to. They also have not supplied the pamphlets that they said they would. They did drop off barrels to the DPW as promised for replacements for residents who complained of ones that were broken by them.

3) Review of Monthly statistics. February 2011 had a lower recycling rate than last year. Reasons for this could be the heavy snowfalls may have had some residents throwing out recycling (into trash) instead of keeping them separate. Also, due to the increased education of what can/can't be recycling, some residents may have been separating out everything with a recycling symbol instead of just 1's and 2's.

4) Discussion of Town Manager's communication regarding efforts to consolidate waste disposal contracts with neighboring communities. Christine Mulligan made a motion that we would be interested in working with the other communities (Smithfield, North Smithfield) on this effort. Greg Mislick seconded and it was unanimously approved.

Unfinished Business to be considered and acted on:

5) Discussion/action relative to EPA Grant. This expired on March 22. Christine Mulligan made a motion to table this permanently as we would not be able to make the deadline and it was seconded by Greg Mislick and unanimously approved.

6) Discussion/action relative to appointment of a new Committee member. The March Screening Sub-committee meeting was cancelled so there is no update.

7) Discussion of the feasibility of converting to in-house refuse/white goods pickup. David Place and Steve Rawson have been researching Gloucester. Start up cost for the town was a flat bed truck.

8) Discussion/action relative to a Pay-as-You-Throw program. David Place spoke with the recycling coordinator from Swansea. Within one year of implementing PAYT, they saw a 25% savings. This was implemented in 2001. They set up an enterprise fund (with the revenue from the program). They have approximately \$300,000 surplus currently.

They put a dumpster ordinance in place for those who opt out of the program.

The bill is sent out to residents separately. It is \$76/yr/household plus the cost of bags (80¢/15 gal bag and \$1.50/30 gal bag. An account needs to be set up for bags and stores would volunteer to sell them

but town would need to work on account, collect money, and keep track of bags. There are companies that provide this service along with the purchasing of the bags.

9) Discussion/action relative to expending recycling funds to host a shredding/recycling event and sponsoring field trips to RIRRC. Andrea Hall was given approval but will need to notify Finance before any firm plans are made. Andrea Hall looked into Eco Depot (through RIRRC) but it needs to be scheduled one year in advance. For school field trips, Callahan School is interested, and maybe Levy, according to Andrea Hall.

There was a discussion of whether or not we need to have a school committee member attend all meetings.

Robyn Volpini made a motion that we do not need permanent involvement by a school committee member in the Rubbish and Recycling Committee. It was seconded by Colleen Joubert and all approved.

10) Discussion/action relative to community outreach:

a). Farmers' Market. Christine Mulligan will try to find out if there is a recycling theme planned this year and we could work at it and plan a shredding event.

b). Formation of a Youth Litter Patrol. Andrea Hall has an idea of

working with the schools with a program called ABC (A Better Community).

11) Discussion/action relative to involving other entities in recycling effort

a). Small businesses- Greg Mislick pointed out that automation would be needed to handle large amounts of glass bottles due to weight of bins.

b). Levy Rink- they currently don't have anything. They could blue bins. Chris Lacey could provide us some information on the rink.

c). Spring Lake- will need to talk to Cheri Hall. They do currently have some recycling in place.

12) Adjournment. Meeting was adjourned at 8:29pm. It was motioned by Christine Mulligan, seconded by Greg Mislick and approved unanimously.

Minutes approved by:

Robyn Volpini, Secretary Date:

Date filed with Town Clerk: _____