

**BURRILLVILLE RUBBISH AND RECYCLING
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

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

Meeting Date: August 22, 2011

Meeting Time: 6:30 PM

Members Present:

Colleen Joubert, Vice Chair Andrea Hall, Recycling Coordinator

Robyn Volpini, Secretary Greg Mislick

Christine Mulligan

Other Members Present: Don Blanchard

Members Absent:

**David Place, Town Council Liaison Steve Rawson, Town Council
Liaison**

Public Comment: None.

1) That the question of approving minutes of the regular meeting of the Burrillville Rubbish and Recycling Committee held on June 27, 2011, the workshop held July 11, 2011 and the special meeting held August 4, 2011; and the question of dispensing with the reading of said minutes; be now taken up. Robyn Volpini motioned to approve

minutes. Motion was seconded by Christine Mulligan and unanimously approved.

2) Discussion of memo from Screening Subcommittee regarding new Committee member. The Screening Subcommittee voted to recommend appointment of Donald Blanchard to the Rubbish and Recycling Committee.

3) Review and discuss June and July recycling statistics. Recycling rate came down since January of this year but has gone up approximately 2% since June 2009.

4) Discussion/action of WasteZero presentation and next steps. It would be nice to see proceeds from this go back to the town somehow, i.e. keep Whipple Ave facility free/ extend hours of operation, be able to drop off more types of things there, or lower price of bags. We will wait for more information from Andrea on where to go with this, once she meets with Mike Wood on September 1.

Andrea Hall and Christine Mulligan will be going to RIRRC later this week to accept a check on behalf of the Town for our profit sharing. Colleen Joubert said that she would like to have PR on this event.

5) Discussion/action relative to Think Green Grant. October 1, 2011 is the date for Burrillville where 'Keep America Beautiful' will offer a trip

on the Blackstone River as well as a tour of RIRRC. Transportation will also be provided.

6) Discussion/action relative to community outreach:

a). Discussion/review of shred event held on August 13. There was not a high turnout. Driver from Shred It noted that the first year there is typically not a high turnout. 1200 pounds of paper were collected. We did a informal survey of the residents that came to get their papers shredded in order to find out how they found out about it. The signs as well as the Bargain Buyer ad proved effective. Also we collected emails so we can let interested residents know when the next shredding event is. There were some people who walked over from Ashton Court with their paper to be shredded. A possibility for next year is spend two hours in one spot, i.e. Levy School Parking lot, then go to Ashton Court, Stillwater, Bradford, etc.

Also, the employee from Shred It made several suggestions such as donated items such as refreshments, or items to be raffled in order to attract more residents to the event.

b). Pascoag Utility District Green Festival to be held September 17, 2011. Robyn Volpini made a motion to the Rubbish and Recycling Committee be present at this event. Motion was seconded by Andrea Hall and all approved. Andrea Hall plans to have a craft table for the children featuring a recycled craft and provide recycling bins (one of each) for the raffle. We will also plan on selling recycling bins.

c). Other special events. We could put together a calendar featuring all special events having to do with recycling, i.e. shredding event.

7). Review and discuss items proposed for future meetings. Special events calendar for 2012, apply for grants to get recycling bins in schools.

8 Adjournment. Meeting was adjourned at 7:58. It was motioned by Christine Mulligan. Motion was seconded by Greg Mislick and approved unanimously.

Minutes approved by:

Robyn Volpini, Secretary Date:

Date filed with Town Clerk: _____