

Regular Meeting of the Burrillville Rubbish and Recycling Committee to be held Monday, November 28, 2011 at 6:34 P.M. at the Town Hall Annex, 144 Harrisville Main Street, Harrisville, RI.

PRESENT: Donald Blanchard, Colleen Joubert, Jeff McCormick, Director of Public Works, Greg Mislick, Christine Mulligan and Robyn Volpini

OTHERS PRESENT: Andrea Hall, Recycling Coordinator

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

1. VOTED to accept the minutes of the regular meeting held on October 24, 2011; and dispense with the reading of said minutes.

Motion by Greg Mislick. Seconded by Donald Blanchard. The vote was unanimous.

2. Discussion/action relative to preparation for a presentation of options for future rubbish

and recycling programs to be made to the Administration and Town Council:

a) Review/act on presentation and recommendations from consultant Chris White

Note: This item was taken out of order.

Andrea Hall stated that she and Jeff McCormick had met with Chris White regarding his research of the Town's goals and needs.

Together they put together a project plan based on his recommendations. Andrea made a presentation to the Committee showing the benefits of automated trash collection and the estimated cost savings to the town based on Chris White's experience and recommendations. Andrea also stated that she and Jeff had met with Waste Management to discuss approximate cost of automated collection. A grid was distributed outlining the various programs which the Committee had considered and estimated costs or savings of each option. A copy of the presentation and the grid are on file with the record of the meeting.

VOTED to recommend the following to Town Council:

- Option 1B – weekly automated refuse and recycling pickup
 - o Motion by Christine Mulligan; seconded by Greg Mislick. The vote was unanimous.****

- Two 64-gallon totes to be purchased and delivered to each household. Totes to remain the property of the Town and should stay on the premises to which it was delivered ; limit trash to what will fit into the cart with the lid closed.
 - o Motion by Greg Mislick; seconded by Colleen Joubert. The vote was unanimous.****

- Pay-as-You-Throw trash bags to be available to residents for occasional overflow at a cost of \$3.00 per 30-gallon bag. Bag to be left beside the cart. Regular trash bags left outside the cart will not**

be collected.

o Motion by Christine Mulligan; seconded by Greg Mislick. The vote was unanimous.

• Additional carts to be made available to residents at an annual cost of \$100 for a trash cart and \$50 for a recycling cart.

o Motion by Greg Mislick; seconded by Christine Mulligan. The vote was unanimous.

• No change to bulky item pickup: collected curbside, one item per household per week.

o Motion by Greg Mislick; seconded by Colleen Joubert. The vote was unanimous.

• No change to white goods policy: to be collected curbside, by appointment, at no extra charge.

o Motion by Greg Mislick; seconded by Colleen Joubert. The vote was unanimous.

• Amend the Town ordinances pertaining to refuse collection to reflect the new policies; include repercussions for residents who take the carts when they vacate a property and fees for violations.

o Motion by Christine Mulligan; seconded by Colleen Joubert. The vote was unanimous.

• Increase the function of the Compost Facility to accept more types

of recyclables and extend the hours of operation to Wednesdays and Saturdays year-round; increase staff at Compost Facility.

o Motion by Colleen Joubert; seconded by Christine Mulligan. The vote was unanimous.

• Continue to collect mattresses at the Compost Facility but charge a \$10 disposal fee

o Motion by Colleen Joubert; seconded by Greg Mislick. The vote was unanimous.

• Merge the school and municipal contracts and convert from dumpsters to 96-gallon carts where feasible.

o Motion by Greg Mislick; seconded by Andrea Hall. The vote was unanimous.

b) Discuss a target date for presentation to Town Council

VOTED to have Jeff McCormick work with Town Council President to schedule a workshop in early January.

Motion by Christine Mulligan. Seconded by Robyn Volpini. The vote was unanimous.

3. Discussion of October Refuse and Recycling statistics

Andrea stated that trash disposal rates stayed about the same; the recycling rate is staying about the same or declining.

4. Discussion of information from quarterly RIRRC meeting including Recyclebank and Single Stream Recycling

Andrea stated that RIRRC announced that converting to single-stream recycling is ahead of schedule and slated for Earth Day 2012. RIRRC will do a direct mailer to every resident as well as TV and newspaper ads. She also announced that RecycleBank is partnering with RIRRC to offer a reduced fee subsidized by RIRRC. There will also be a national campaign to give one community free Recyclebank for 2 years and Burrillville has a good chance at being selected.

5. Discussion/action relative to Going Green in the Workplace Forum held on October 26, 2011

Andrea attended the forum and reported that the turnout was very good. Banneker Industries gave a presentation on how they have reduced costs by recycling everything possible.

VOTED to adjourn at 8:41 p.m.

Motion by Greg Mislick. Seconded by Colleen Joubert. The vote was unanimous.

Christine Mulligan, Secretary

Minutes Approved

Date: _____