

Regular Meeting of the Burrillville Rubbish and Recycling Committee to be held Monday, April 23, 2012 at 6:36 P.M. at the Town Hall Annex, 144 Harrisville Main Street, Harrisville, RI.

PRESENT: Donald Blanchard, Andrea Hall, Recycling Coordinator, Colleen Joubert, Greg Mislick and Robyn Volpini

OTHERS PRESENT: None

MEMBERS ABSENT: Christine Mulligan was excused.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mike Tardiff spoke in support of automated collection and stated that he has had to call Coastal Recycling numerous times about missed pickups, broken barrels and trash left in the road.

1. VOTED to table the question of approving minutes of meetings held on March 26, 2012 and April 16, 2012 until the next meeting.

Motion by Robyn Volpini. Seconded by Greg Mislick. The vote was unanimous.

Note: Colleen Joubert arrived at 6:46 p.m.

2. Discussion of current Refuse and Recycling statistics

No discussion.

3. Discussion/action regarding an upcoming recycling display at the Jesse Smith Library

The display will go up in June. The theme will be based on the new items that can be recycled. Various ideas for communicating the new program were discussed.

4. Discussion/action relative to Automated Collection and Universal Rollout Cart bid recommendations to Town Council

Andrea Hall reviewed the Town Council agenda for Wednesday's meeting. She stated that Public Works is recommending Rehrig Pacific for the rollout carts and explained the reasons: delivery of carts, pricing, materials and scanning capability. There was discussion of Committee attendance at the Town Council meeting in support of the recommendations.

5. Status update on Enhanced Recycling program

Andrea Hall stated that there has not been much resident feedback on the pilot program due to her phone number being listed wrong in the communication and that many residents had not gotten the mailer or discarded it because it looked too much like junk mail.

Shredded paper is a problem at the MRF. The paper is processed best when in plastic bags, which are not currently permitted. The statewide program is scheduled to launch in June.

6. Discussion/action on survey results

287 responses were received:

121 very dissatisfied or dissatisfied

60 neutral

77 satisfied

22 very satisfied

It was suggested that an ad in the Bargain Buyer with a synopsis of survey results might help promote the new program.

7. Discussion of attendance at Family Fair on May 5, 2012

The theme for the event is Cinco de Mayo. Committee attendance was discussed.

Some items planned are as follows:

- A Powerpoint presentation showing new recyclables**
- Magnets from RIRRC**
- Bookmarks made from cereal and cookie boxes**
- Raffle games**

8. Review and discuss items proposed for future meetings

A focus on community education if the Town Council awards the bid for automated collection.

Composting education as a means of reducing solid waste.

9. VOTED to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

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

Christine Mulligan, Secretary

Minutes Approved

Date:_____