

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Burrillville Rubbish and Recycling Committee held Thursday, August 23, 2012 at 6:35 P.M. at the Town Hall Annex, 144 Harrisville Main Street, Harrisville, RI.

Note: The meeting was rescheduled from August 27, 2012 to August 23, 2012

PRESENT: Andrea Hall, Colleen Joubert, Christine Mulligan and Robyn Volpini.

OTHERS PRESENT: None

MEMBERS ABSENT: Donald Blanchard and Greg Mislick were absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Gus Friedrichs of North Shore Drive, Glendale questioned why the Spring Lake area does not have fully automated pickup, whether the program will actually save the town money, and why the cart lids are left open after pickup. He also commented on witnessing some of the drivers leaving bags in the bottom of the carts.

1. VOTED to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 25, 2012; and dispense with the reading of said minutes.

Motion by Colleen Joubert. Seconded by Christine Mulligan. The vote was unanimous by the four members present.

2. Discussion of attendance at meetings and events

There was discussion of the importance of full committee participation at meetings as well as events. It was noted that Mr. Blanchard has had three unexcused absences in a row, and therefore forfeits his position on the Committee. Christine Mulligan offered to inquire with the Town Clerk about requesting a replacement.

VOTED to begin tracking attendance at meetings and events.

Motion by Christine Mulligan. Seconded by Colleen Joubert. The vote was unanimous by the four members present.

3. Discussion/action relative to regular meeting schedule

There was discussion of the need to meet every month now that Automated Collection has been launched.

VOTED to change the meeting schedule to the fourth Monday every other month, starting immediately.

Motion by Christine Mulligan. Seconded by Colleen Joubert. The vote was unanimous by the four members present.

4. Update on Automated Collection transition

Andrea Hall stated that there has been not one complaint about Waste Management, where she would get 20-30 complaints every day

about Coastal Recycling. Waste Management is providing a daily log of violations, and has been tagging violators' carts. The main issues are spacing of the carts and placement, which is to be expected. An ad will be going in the Bargain Buyer to clarify placement and other small issues that have arisen.

5. Discussion of Recycling/solid waste statistics: Waste Management vs. Coastal

Andrea Hall stated that there is already a huge decrease in solid waste and increase in recycling. When more solid results are available, Andrea will publish them so residents can see what an impact the program has had. People who initially complained about the 65 gallon cart seem to be making it work and very few residents have traded up to a larger cart.

6. Discussion of recycling essay contest held by the JMS Library

Andrea Hall stated that there was good participation and the winners were very excited. Results were posted on the Recycling web page.

7. Review and discuss items proposed for future meetings

- Discussion of the new natural gas-powered trucks, which should be coming in the next few weeks.**
- Recycling participation in schools: Installation of recycling bins in**

all classrooms and outdoor areas.

- **Commercial recycling program**

8. VOTED to adjourn at 7:28 p.m.

Motion by Christine Mulligan. Seconded by Andrea Hall. The vote was unanimous by the four members present.

Christine Mulligan, Secretary

Minutes Approved

Date: _____