

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Burrillville Rubbish and Recycling Committee held Monday, September 23, 2013 at 6:35 P.M. at the Town Hall Annex, 144 Harrisville Main Street, Harrisville, RI.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Andrea Hall, Colleen Joubert, Christine Mulligan and Robin Volpini

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT: Town Council Liaison John Pacheco

MEMBERS ABSENT: Cynthia Carlozzi was excused.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

1. VOTED to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 26, 2013; and dispense with the reading of said minutes.

Motion by Colleen Joubert. Seconded by Christine Mulligan. The vote was unanimous.

VOTED to postpone the approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held June 24, 2013 until the next meeting.

Motion by Christine Mulligan. Seconded by Colleen Joubert. The vote was unanimous.

2. Discussion of recycling/solid waste statistics

- First year with Waste Management/Automated collection**

Andrea Hall stated that we are currently at 32.5% vs. 22% while with

Coastal. Most towns have not reached the 35% recycling goal, however our improvement is encouraging. Burrillville is in line with other towns that offer automated pickup.

3. Discussion of recycling rebate and profit sharing for last fiscal year

Andrea Hall reported that for the first time ever the town has received a rebate in the amount of \$4,217.49 on tipping fees for fiscal 2013. We paid \$31 per ton vs. \$32 per ton due to our recycling rate. In FY 2013 we tipped 442 fewer tons of solid waste and recycled 395 more tons of recyclables.

Profit share checks will be distributed next week. RIRRC has warned that resale prices for recyclables have dropped so the profit share will be less this year.

4. Discussion/action relative to recycling events:

Green Festival - September 14

The event went very well and attendance was good. Vendor surveys were all positive. Colleen Joubert commended Andrea on the recycling displays she created.

Celebrate Burrillville Day – October 5

Andrea and Robyn will cover the Recycling Committee table at this event. Andrea will provide all materials and displays needed for the

table.

5. Discussion/action relative to utilizing interns

Christine Mulligan stated that she checked with the Finance Director and there are no liability issues with hiring unpaid interns. The intern would be covered under the Town's liability insurance.

Andrea Hall stated that Cindy Carlozzi had sent her some very useful information on hiring interns from her experience at her workplace.

6. Discussion of direction/goals of Committee and whether there is a need to continue

There was discussion of the lack of recycling initiatives now that the Committee's major goals have been reached; if there is any longer a need for a committee and how the committee could best assist the Recycling Coordinator. The following areas of assistance were identified: finding and applying for grants, research, and coverage of events.

VOTED to meet on an ad hoc basis as needed, and to support the Recycling Coordinator by assisting with research and attend events where recycling will be promoted.

Motion by Colleen Joubert. Seconded by Christine Mulligan. The

vote was unanimous.

7. Review and discuss items proposed for future meetings

None

8. VOTED to adjourn at 7:25 p.m.

Motion by Christine Mulligan. Seconded by Andrea Hall. The vote was unanimous.

Christine Mulligan, Secretary

Minutes Approved Date:_____