



Nashua Regional Solid Waste Management
District Meeting – March 16, 2022



APPROVED Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Eric Slosek	Town of Amherst
Pat Flynn	Town of Brookline
Joan Cudworth, Treasurer	Town of Hollis
Jay Twardosky	Town of Hudson
Kris Perreault	Town of Merrimack
Tammy Scott	Town of Milford
Leo Lessard	Town of Milford
Mike Fimbel	Town of Mont Vernon
Scott Perkins, Chair	City of Nashua
Bob Long	Town of Pelham
Rhonda Martin	Town of Pelham

Staff:

Jay Minkarah, Executive Director	NRPC
Emma Rearick, Regional Planner II	NRPC
Sylvia Nassy, Business Manager	NRPC
Kristin Wardner, Admin. Asst.	NRPC

I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 10:01am by Emma Rearick with introductions.

II. Approval of January 26, 2022, Meeting Minutes

There were no changes needed to the minutes.

Joan Cudworth motioned to approve the meeting minutes of January 26, 2022, as presented, with a second from Rhonda Martin. All were in favor.

III. Financial Update

Executive Director Jay Minkarah stated the audit was complete and was clean with no findings. The most significant information is on page 3 – dues were \$140,200, minimal interest income, and net position has gone down to \$287,239. He noted this is for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. Sylvia Nassy reviewed the Profit and Loss Statement. There were no major changes and net income has gone down just a little. Cudworth suggested looking into whether police detail rates will be changing and Perkins stated Nashua hasn't communicated any changes as of now.

Eric Slosek motioned to accept the NRSWMD Audit for FY ending June 30, 2021, with a second from Pat Flynn. All were in favor.

IV. 2022 Collection Season Overview

Perkins stated the first collection date is Saturday, April 23rd at 25 Crown Street, Nashua. The State has ended the Covid testing at that site so that will not be an issue. He said they are expecting a big turnout for Nashua. Cudworth discussed municipalities bringing loads to collection dates. This is normally done about ½ before event is to start to minimize disruption. NRPC should send out email a week before event to towns inquiring about whether they will have any hazardous waste to dispose of, along with a bill of lading. She said this process has worked well in the past.

Perkins stated there should be a person at the exit to make sure traffic is flowing. There will be a one-way loop set up to help with traffic flow.

Martin motioned to accept the 2022 Collection Schedule, with a second from Tammy Scott. All were in favor.

V. Updated Signage Discussion

There was a discussion about the signage and updating it to new signs with changeable dates and locations. Rearick explained that she got quotes from 3 vendors:

1. NHCI Sign Shop (state prison): \$2,663.10 with a 3-week turnaround time
2. Perma-Line Corp.: \$2,977.00 with a 3-5 day turnaround time
3. American Flagging & Traffic Control: \$3,700 with no turnaround time given

NHCI Sign Shop did provide a mock-up. Cudworth asked about having a changeable option for fee and amounts. It was agreed that was a good option. Perkins said that Perma-Line is the primary sign maker for Nashua and they have been very happy with them. It was discussed that the Nashua site would be permanent on the sign and there would be a double-sided placard with the Pelham and Milford locations. Martin said Pelham will commit to using their Highway Department (33 Newcomb Field Parkway) for events there. Fimbel asked if the towns install their own signs and all agreed they do. Perkins stated Perma-Line predrills holes in the back of signs but they are covered in front and only visible if you choose to use them.

Fimbel asked about getting laminated signs with the collection dates. Cudworth said in the past they had poster sized signs that they could roll up and reuse.

Cudworth motioned to use Perma-Line Corp., not to exceed \$3,000, for the new Household Hazardous Waste signs for the 11 towns, with a second by Martin. All were in favor.

VI. Other Business

Cudworth discussed the explosion in Hollis. During the investigation, a chemical found in the used oil was one used in the dry-cleaning process which is highly flammable. She speculates that someone poured the chemical in a used oil barrel and disposed of it. Will never know for sure what caused the explosion. Hollis does not allow anyone to leave oil now unless they inspect it first and they aren't burning used oil anymore.

Perkins stated in Nashua they encourage people to call in advance if they have uncertain items to reduce surprises on collection days. One problem they are having is battery collections. They are

receiving large, oversized batteries that cannot be shipped. They also recently received an 18-gallon storage bucket filled with Apple batteries.

Cudworth said batteries are becoming more of an issue and should be discussed at a future meeting. With the amount of technology and electric cars increasing, the problem is getting worse.

Fimbel asked about lithium batteries. Perkins stated they are recyclable but highly hazardous. Nashua uses Call to Recycle to dispose of them. The company provides the packaging and now they also allow swollen batteries to be sent to them. Cudworth stated it is a free program for certain batteries (there are some fees) so all towns should look into signing up. Perkins said button batteries are another problem because people don't know what to do with them or how to properly dispose of them. There was a discussion about electric car batteries. Perkins said when electric car batteries are "dead", they still hold about 80% of original charge. He said he is hoping with the push for more electric vehicles going forward, there will be a push for a proper disposal chain for the batteries. Fimbel stated solar panel batteries will be an issue in the future.

VII. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 10:50am from Cudworth with a second from Martin. All in favor.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 15, 2022 at 10:00AM