



Meeting Minutes

Nashua Regional Solid Waste Management District Meeting

January 26, 2022

Attendees:

Pat Flynn	Town of Brookline
Joan Cudworth	Town of Hollis
Jay Twardosky	Town of Hudson
Scott Perkins	City of Nashua
Bob Long	Town of Pelham
Rhonda Martin	Town of Pelham
Mike Fimbel	Town of Mont Vernon
Kris Perreault	Town of Merrimack
Jay Minkarah	NRPC
Emma Rearick	NRPC
Mason Twombly	NRPC
Kristin Wardner	NRPC

I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 10:03am by Twombly with introductions.

II. Approval of June 29, 2021, Draft Meeting Minutes

Twombly stated the agenda incorrectly listed the September minutes needing approval but there was no quorum that day. It is the June 29, 2021, minutes that need approval.

Cudworth motioned to approve the meeting minutes of June 29, 2021, as presented, with a second from Twardosky. All were in favor.

III. Appointment of NRSWMD Chairperson

Twombly stated that since Sally Hyland retired in August, the committee has been without a chairperson and it is important that Nashua play a leading role in the program. Currently, Cudworth, Treasurer, is the only other officer. Perkins stated he is officially the Recycling Administrator for the City of Nashua.

Cudworth nominated Perkins as the Chairperson of the NRSWMD, seconded by Martin. All in favor.

IV. Financial Update

Twombly stated that Kate Lafond left NRPC in November. Sylvia Nassy, the new Business Manager, provided the Profit & Loss Statement but because she is new Twombly didn't have her come to this meeting to explain. All spending is within the approved budget. Twombly mentioned the continuing discussion about the price of the events with Veolia, although it will stay consistent with what it is currently. There was a record amount collected last year. Minkarah stated there is no escalation clause in the current contract with Veolia, meaning there is no provision to adjust the fee. He stated there didn't seem to be a pattern for the traffic at the events last year. Twombly said there is the option to discuss in the future possibly charging more after the 10 gallons/20 pound limit. The current Veolia contract goes through the end of calendar year 2023. He said they have always provided great service and are always flexible.

V. Overview of the Annual Reports

Twombly said the annual reports are complete and individual reports have been sent to towns. He explained the reason this meeting is so late because it took a long time to get final weight volumes from Veolia at the end of the year. In the past there was more information about how people found out about the events, but since the pandemic the survey given is abbreviated. Should evaluate when to start doing more complete survey again. Surveys have been done verbally since the start of pandemic instead of written. Twombly confirmed that people were asked if they represent more than one household. He stated there were no obvious trends last year, however, paint is the most collected item.

VI. Veolia Contract Discussion

Veolia has not come forward with any requests to change contract.

VII. NRPC Staffing & HHW Coordinator

Twombly's last day is Friday, January 28th. Rearick will be taking over running the HHW Program in his absence. Minkarah encouraged members to attend an event if they have never. Cudworth

stated several years ago, towns rotated taking turns staffing events and maybe that should be considered in the future. Minkarah stated it may have stopped due to liability concerns. There was a discussion about handouts and educational information at events.

VIII. Other Business

Twombly opened the floor to discussion about signage. Fimbel talked about his suggestions of having smaller signs with the event dates on 11x17 laminated card stock and then having a permanent sign with changeable placards for the dates and location. A couple possible sign vendors were discussed – Correctional Facilities and American Flag in Hudson. NRPC can get price estimates and turnaround time to hopefully be ready to act on for March meeting. There may not be enough time to get new signs before first event.

Meeting dates for 2022 were set: March 16, June 15, September 21, and December 21.

Cudworth suggested sending Hyland a thank you note to recognize her for all her years of service. It was noted that Hyland started the recycling program in Nashua. All agreed. She thanked Twombly for all his work on the program and welcomed Rearick.

Twombly mentioned the permanent storage facility at the Nashua Street Dept. and that there is \$100,000 in Capital Reserve Fund allocated for that. It is helpful to have for storing items between events. Fimbel expressed concern that there would be vandalism if it was moved to Crown Street. Perkins stated that currently it is in an area patrolled by Nashua PD and there are no plans in the near future for the Street Dept. facility to be moved.

IX. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn from Cudworth with a second from Fimbel. All in favor. The meeting ended at 11:00am.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at 10AM