



Meeting Minutes 3/12/2018

In Attendance:

Gabe McPhail, Eric Davis, Pat Lundholm

1. **Del** – Just prior to the meeting we received word from Del that he is resigning from the committee. So sorry to hear this! Del brings a unique perspective to the group, and ideas that none of us have had. He's also been a "waste watcher" for life.
2. **Goals for Single Stream Recycling— Gabe** has been gathering lots of data from multiple sources (Rockland, Town, EcoMaine) to put together projections that will help us set measurable goals for the outcome of our switch to single stream recycling. She estimates that we are currently at 8% and could reasonably reach a goal of 30%. The State goal is 50% by 2021.

Of course, setting a goal and plopping down the trailer won't make anything change, so we the committee need to form a united plan to take to the Town and make it happen. Gabe's projection, or "what if" shows what the Town will save (or not) by improving the percentage, and is still a work in progress.

3. **Sustainable Waste Management Plan** – Gabe would like to work on a multi-year strategic plan for waste management. She recognizes that although it might be in the scope of our committee work, it would be faster and more efficient if someone could dedicate considerable concentrated time to it. She will speak to Andy about the possibility of applying for a grant from an organization like Maine Community Foundation for the money to pay her for the work. Gabe is the obvious person to do this.
4. **Data Collection** — In every discussion about costs at the Transfer Station, we are always painfully short of information about how the fees we collect cover or fail to cover the costs of disposal. Pat is proposing a simple data base that would be used to enter transactions at the transfer station by cash or customer, type of waste, and charge. This information would then be used to generate customer statements (eliminating the slip entry done in the office), and provide the desired breakdown of charges. This will be done at no cost to the Town – Pat will write the software, an older, used computer may be used at the transfer station for data entry, and no internet service will be required. If, in the long run, a more sophisticated program is desired, we could migrate to QuikBooks or Trio program.
5. **Budget —Gabe and Eric** worked on the budget with Kenny, and have proposed an additional \$30,000 over what Andy had. Those extras include the forks to lift the exacticas, a chipper, magnets, \$10,000 for ash removal, and additional trips for metal and hazardous materials. The meeting date with the budget committee is not set at this time.

Next Meeting: will be 6:00 3/19/18 at the Public Safety Building.