

# Recycling and Renewable Energy Committee

## Minutes

**February 9, 2011**

**Attending:** Amy Germain, Kelli Dahl (recording), Ghee Patrick, Scott Powell  
Mark White, Sandy Turner

**Public Comment:** No one from the public attended this meeting.

Monday February 14th, issue of adding hopper will be on Selectmen's meeting agenda.

Amy Germain asked if we have a schematic. Mark White replied there will be a site plan from Stern and Wheeler. There was discussion regarding the structural soundness for a larger hopper or will a second wall have to be added. Mark White said info will be available by meeting and numbers will be confirmed.

There was more discussion regarding the benefit of single stream. Sandy Turner stated we don't have enough man power to separate. Mark White also pointed out that if we don't change what we are doing we will pay more per tonnage. Another advantage to adding a hopper: if our current hopper fails, we rely on Truro and are charged. Adding a second hopper would give us a backup. Amy Germain asked if there were any other communities that were sorry they went single stream? Mark stated no, participation has increased. Some up to 50%.

Sandy Turner: One issue that came up with the double hopper was safety. Pilot program we did this winter will continue. There will be a separate area away from the compactor where residents can drop off recycling.

Mark White: There will be four unloading areas.

Ghee Patrick: I would like it to stay customer friendly.

Kelli Dahl asked if there were grants available. No grants were know to committee at this time. Kelli will try to search.

Amy Germain: Motion to direct acting chair RREC to write letter to Board of Selectmen endorsing option of 100 yard hopper.

Scott Powell second. All in favor 4-0.

Discussion then turned to purchase of new town recycling bins. Sandy Turner presented steel bins. Approximately 60 to be purchased by town. RREC committee agreed on color to be green with round opening. Bins to state: Glass, Plastic, Bottles, Cans and Clean Paper. Sandy Turner will follow up with committee.

Scott Powell: At earlier meetings we discussed trying to increase public support of recycling. Scott approached Candice Nagle regarding increasing community as is

done with the dog park, soup kitchen and library. Scott agrees to follow up.

Ghee Patrick: Motion to elect Amy Germain as chairperson of RREC.

Scott Powell: Second. Passed unanimously.

Amy Germain: Motion to elect Kelli Dahl vice chairperson of RREC. Second by Ghee Patrick. Passed unanimously.

Amy Germain: Motion to rotate recording. Kelli Dahl second. Passed unanimously.

### **Schedule Next Meeting**

Next RREC meeting scheduled for February 23rd at 4:00pm Town Hall.