

Task Force on Recycling

Minutes

September 12, 2016 at 4 pm.

Attending: Ted Koffman, Arnold Lundquist, Robert Rechholtz, Ken Smith, Clark Stivers, Martha Searchfield, Mike Handwerk. Staff- Chip Reeves, Cornell Knight.

This being the first meeting of the Task Force, everyone introduced themselves.

Ted Koffman was nominated as Chair, and voted unanimously.

Mike Handwerk, was elected Vice Chair.

Arnold Lundquist was elected Secretary.

Cornell Knight requested the task force review the new plan for the town transfer station so the budget request can be submitted. Cornell and Chip reviewed the engineer's plot plan for a new Transfer Station with the task force. The traffic pattern currently being worked on will avoid backing up for waste disposal. A two lane drive thru for residential disposal and a different entrance would be used for commercial vehicles to back into. The hopper would use a ram to compact waste into the trailers in the lower level assisting in waste transport. The recycling facility will be modified and improved as part of the redesign. Copies of the plan were provide to each member for study and comment at the next meeting. By the next meeting there will be a draft plot plan for the Transfer Station from the engineer.

The task force also discussed several recycling/ refuse topics for future action :

- a. There was discussion about single sort recycling with Chip indicating significant cost involved but the subject will be examined at a later point.
- b. efforts to reach the State of Maine's goal of 50% recycling by 2021 was discussed
- c. The town disposal of commercial waste was discussed. Bar Harbor is one of few towns which dispose of commercial waste. As much as 2/3 of the waste disposed of by the town is commercial. There are businesses in town that are doing a good job of recycling. Martha said she would speak to Ocean Properties and Thirsty Whale and possibly send out an email to the Chamber members so a couple can be invited to the next meeting and discuss their efforts and ideas. It was generally agreed that recycling of commercial waste is an important topic.
- d. The Task Force also discussed composting and will look at this in the future.

Lisa Bjerke , an invited guest who is studying waste management, distributed copies of reports on recycling and solid waste management in the State of Maine. Clark will send the links for the reports to the members for them to review.

Chip will send out information about the recycling program and financial information on the waste program in Bar Harbor.

Next meeting is October 10th at 4 pm.