

## Solid Waste Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2019

Board members present: Phil Griffin, Charlotte Hebert, Kim Drake, Adam VonDette, and Audrey Bethel  
Also present: Laura Buono , Jon Daley, and Luke Levesque

We begin by hearing from Luke about the cardboard deal he struck before going on medical leave (he returns to "light duty" on Saturday) now we have taken NRRA out of the equation: we rent the trailer to store cardboard bails directly from the vendor and we are now seeing a bit of revenue from the cardboard stream ( approx \$300/ truck load) rather than just breaking even. The cardboard goes to Manchester. Luke is happier with this.

Audrey and Charlotte report that it was good to be at History Alive event, although it wasn't that busy – the folks appreciated the water refill station.

Laura says she will look into whether or not we can store barrels, can crusher, etc in the barn next to town offices.

Audrey brings up the idea of having SWAB presence at the Bethel Farm Field Day event on Oct 5<sup>th</sup> 1-6 , Charlotte says she will be there—Audrey asks if people think it's a good idea to sell cans of seltzer to make a little more revenue for the committee? People seem to think it is a good idea and will make cans for kids to crush, which generates more conversation.. Laura says maybe she can buy seltzer at Sam's Club for best price.

We discuss various directions and different things that SWAB could focus on: state legislature, for one. Jon looks up the activity on HB 102 which addresses individual NH towns being able to adopt their own rules in regards to single use plastic bags. It is still in the state house. We will invite State Rep Marjorie Porter to our next meeting... we discuss pros and cons of statewide ban vs. town-level ban and how that it may be better at state level.

We talk about putting pressure on local businesses—such as Taco Beyondo, where they seem to use a lot of Styrofoam. (Hillsboro House uses cardboard now, other businesses are mentioned)

We will start by trying to get more information together to present to them...

We discuss the idea again of getting something into the local papers each week—maybe start with the Messenger? A little " Did You Know" fun fact about recycling / solid waste..

Adam shares how he spoke with friend at Mitchie corp about using crushed glass in concrete mixture... and he will be researching that more to share with them..

Possible field trip to Keene's big recycling center is discussed –

Also trying to get Washington, NH to join in our spring time Hazardous Waste collection day.. Luke says he would need to talk to Clean Harbors.

**Next Meeting : Thursday Oct 17 at 7:30 am**

### Action Items:

Luke- call Clean Harbors about adding another town

Audrey- invite Majorie to our next meeting & look for Styrofoam information to compile into fact sheet

Charlotte- call Keene to see about setting up a visit for our committee in November , also going to ask bro in law about the cost of other more environmentally friendly restaurant take out containers

Laura- ask about storing stuff in the town shed, and getting seltzer ☺