

Solid Waste Removal and Recycle Committee Meeting Minutes – July 15, 2015

Members present: Ron Morales, Dan Guilmette, and Bud Staples (Absent: Rob Caron)

Attendees: Pete Lachapelle (WM)

Meeting called to order @ 7:00 PM by Chair Ron Morales

Topics discussed:

- Ron reviewed the tonnage reports for the previous months and noted the major increases in bulky weight tonnage over the past 5 years. It appeared that businesses were using this residential pick up of bulky waste or the increase may have come from leakage of waste from other areas bringing their bulk waste to East Kingston. The Committee discussed the possibility of using purchased stickers (similar to what will be done with eWaste this fall) to identify each bulk piece in future years. One example given by Pete (WM): 7 sliders were picked up at one house that didn't appear to have any visible sliders on the home. He suggested WM drivers could take pictures in future years showing street addresses to identify those not conforming. Ron requested 2009 to 2014 data on quantity of items picked up to compare against tonnage. Pete will supply this in the near future.
- The October 19th eWaste pickup is combined with the white goods pickup. Pete mentioned some confusion could exist with stickers being applied to wrong items. Ron made the motion to charge \$10 for white items being picked up with the eWaste items. The motion was seconded by Dan and the motion passed unanimously.
- Ron asked for WM to assist in providing displays to help educate the community on recycling during the town elections in March. Charts that show the benefits of recycling and what \$\$ have been saved by the town through recycling efforts were suggested. WM also would provide small giveaway items such as pens, magnet clips etc. that would be reminders for recycling whenever they are used.
- The next quarterly Solid Waste Removal and Recycling Committee meeting is scheduled for October 21st, 2015.

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM.

William (Bud) Staples

Secretary