

## Solid Waste Removal and Recycle Committee Meeting Minutes – January 13, 2015

Members present: Ron Morales, Rob Caron, Dan Guilmette, Bud Staples

Attendees: Pete Lachapelle (WM)

Meeting called to order @ 4:04 PM by Chair Ron Morales

Topics discussed:

- Pete presented the WM calendar for the 12 month period of May 2015 through April 2016 for review by the committee. The committee clarified pickup dates for bulk waste, white goods, and electronics. Bulk waste would be collected on May 4<sup>th</sup>. White goods and electronics would be collected October 19<sup>th</sup>. Pete was to check to see if white goods and electronics could be handled the same day by WM, or if a separate day would be needed for electronics pickup. If a separate day was needed, the electronics collection would take place October 26<sup>th</sup>. It was agreed by all members of the committee that only one pickup of each type of waste would take place during 2015.
- The pilot program for electronics (eWaste) would be initiated with a \$10 per item collection fee. Residents would purchase a \$10 sticker for each eWaste item to be collected. The system to be used by the town for handling the sale of these stickers still needs to be determined. Ron asked Pete to provide the pros and cons of the program and wanted to know how Dover and Somersworth were handling the issuance of stickers.
- Following confirmation of collection dates by WM, a new calendar would be sent to the committee members for review, comment and/or approval. WM would then print 1,000+ calendars for distribution to town residences and businesses. Extra copies would be available through the Town Office.
- A brief discussion took place on ways to increase recycling as it appeared the town's percentage of recycled tonnage in 2014 was flat with 2013. It was noted by Pete that the weight of recycling is less due to lighter packaging materials being used. Light weight plastic to replace glass was the example given.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 PM.

William (Bud) Staples

Recording Secretary