

Recycling Committee Minutes

February 13, 2019, Called to Order 4:03 pm

Attendance: N Boccio, G. Geci, D Wilson, D Raap, L Losee

Minutes of November 14, 2018, meeting were approved unanimously with one change. The word "bins" to should read "barrels."

Agenda:

REPORT ON RECYCLING AT STOP&SHOP AND POST OFFICE

G Geci reported on a tour of the Stop & Shop store in town. First, everything not sold at the Litchfield store is trucked to Stop & Shop headquarters in Freetown, Mass. Vegetable matter gets composted. Meat close to expiration date gets frozen and sent to food rescue/food banks. In addition every two weeks the meat department fills three 55 gallon drums with spoiled meat while the deli fills two drums. These are also returned to Freetown where they are rendered. Hazard waste is separated and disposed of properly. All plastic bags are placed on the truck for recycling at the Freetown center.

Enquiring at the Litchfield Post Office Geci found out that the P.O. sends all mail in their recycling bins back to Waterbury and onto Hartford, CT.

Neither Stop & Shop nor the Post Office do not add materials to Litchfield recycling system or to garbage pick-up.

D Raap will ask Gayle Carr (BOE Chair) about school recycling. G Geci will ask Len Fasano from building maintenance about the system's recycling program.

RECYCLING BINS IN TOWN

The committee discussed placing new trash/recycling bins at Post Office and Courthouse on trial basis. G Geci and L Losee will ask Fire Marshall Sam Kinkade about placement of a bin in between F North Building and DiFranco's.

Geci phoned Beth Murphy, president of the LHRR, about the bins used at the road race each year. She explained that the race committee owned barrels which are stored in town. She said those receptacles are offered to anyone for special events as long as they are returned.

CONSIDERATION OF "SIMPLE RECYCLING"

N. Boccio shared that First Selectman Leo Paul approves of allowing simple recycling in Litchfield, as long as it costs the town no money. N Boccio will find out how to start implementing this program that would help take materials out of our waste stream.

IMPROVEMENTS TO RECYCLING SHED AND LANDFILL N Boccio says new walls are completed. Landscaping will be started in May. Timbers have been added as barriers so trucks don't

damage the concrete walls. The committee discussed the escalating cost of contractor's demo material. It appears that some contractors may be using our facility to save money. It may be costing us more to haul than we currently charge. Litchfield hauls demo to F&G in Winsted. A study may reveal that we have to increase costs to contractors.

NEW BUSINESS

Litchfield's Earth Day will be April 27, 2019. We plan to involve the Lions Club (Chuck Conn), Schools, and other groups. We plan to make further use of social media to publicize the event. Cleve Fussenich has been giving every new resident compost information and a recycling pamphlet in a welcome-to-Litchfield bag he puts together.

D Raap is going to look into Enviro Pre Order Program for residents to buy compost bins and rain barrels. Maybe the town could purchase these containers in bulk.

After motion and second, the meeting adjourned at 5 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Raap

Secretary