

Litchfield Waste Reduction Committee Meeting

Held at Litchfield Town Hall

July 8, 2026

Chairman J Geci called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm.

Members Present: J Geci, H Simko, K Zullo, S Mullen

Attending: D Raap, First Selectwoman, Tory and Kristen from Waste Zero attending virtually

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of minutes from April 8 with correction to change the word 'conditions' to 'condition'. Motion to approve from H Simko, K Zullo second, all approve.

GRANT UPDATE WITH WASTE ZERO

Waste Zero has spoken with Brett and will begin permitting.

- Cost for Bag: first will figure out the cost per ton to transport material weekly, since the tipping fee is already paid for by taxes (industry range is \$75-\$150 per ton.)
- Kristen shared a model with potential costs of the program and the amount to charge per bag.

The committee asked Waste Zero their questions and discussed potential adoption rates, places for placement of the dumpster, starter kits for residents, and improvements to the compost collection. Kristen believes by next month we will have a full model for pricing. Tory recommends the committee write up the plan and formally accept at a future meeting.

The group discussed marketing the program, including the creation of a mailer and tabling around town in Aug – Nov at events such as Goshen fair, Scarecrows in the Meadow, Concerts on the Green, Northfield pancake breakfast, Stop and shop, post office, and Nature Day. Tory also recommends a webpage on the town website and that Brett will help with creating consistent fonts/colors/graphic.

The group will need to discuss further operations at the Recycling Center with Kirsten and public works on July 21 at 2:00.

RECYCLING CENTER UPDATE

J Geci will speak with the fire department about adding water to the compost. J Geci shared statistics from Bay State Textile collection (a total of 5360 tons across all locations), which shows the textile collection program working.

J Geci recommends recruiting new members for the committee.

Meeting adjourned at 5:12

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Zullo