Pownal Solid Waste and Recycling Committee

August 29th, 2024

Public Proceeding Minutes

Members Present: Dan Nelson, Lesley Taisey, Alan Bradstreet, Micheal Pabst
Members Absent: Heidi Richards

1. A quorum was established. The meeting was called to order at 1:10pm
2. Approved minutes from the past meeting and Dan presented the agenda for discussion.
3. We have a new email address: solidwastecommittee@pownalmaine.org! Please use this for official correspondence.
4. We all discussed how the new trash pickup system is going so far: How do the trucks separate the trash from recycling inside the trucks? How will the bins handle being dropped after they are dumped? Casella says they will pay for their damages but how is that proven? We reviewed the notes from the driver about problems they saw, which was helpful…bins facing the wrong way, too close together, too close to a telephone pole or mailbox, etc. Could the App be more helpful? Some neighbors could share bins to save them the lug on their long driveway.
5. We can collect complaints/comments from residents to help them and work on these issues. Pictures are helpful from residents.
6. Reviewed correspondence that has already come in about the system. Discussed small roads with no turnaround and how residents can keep their bins at the end of their road without being in the way. Pownal has contacted Casella about this asking if the bins can be closer than 3 feet to fit, but no word back yet.
7. We are one year in on our 5 year contract with Casella.
8. Discussed old business: extra PAYT bags, lets meet with Durhams solid waste committee about the potential of sharing a transfer station, Dan has submitted a writeup for the next town newsletter.
9. Talked about how to encourage composting by mentioning that our trash is weighed, adds to tipping fees=higher taxes.
10. Next meeting to be scheduled at another time for October.
11. Meeting adjourned at 2:26pm

Submitted by,
Lesley Taisey