

# Pownal Solid Waste and Recycling Committee

April 6th, 2022

## Public Proceeding Minutes

**APPROVED**

Members Present: Heidi Richards, Will Johnston, Lesley Taisey and Andy Wyatt

Absent: Theresa Lofgren, Zac Cote

1. A quorum was established. The meeting was called to order at 6:31 PM. All present motioned to approve the minutes from last meeting.
2. Lesley shared the conversation she had with the Lewiston Auburn Water Pollution Control Authority representative: There will be no changes in the current contract until it expires this December. There might be some changes during review, which we will be notified of prior to that point. The committee members talked about researching quotes from other towns/facilities that provide septic contracts just in case. (Casella did confirm that they will pick non town bags on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> for road side clean up efforts with a call back the next day).
3. We reviewed the flyer for Pownal Pride Day that Mr. Wyatt amended, new paragraph asking for volunteers and will add the site address for the sign up google doc for road side clean up. We talked about the conflicting info about cartons, are they a DO or a Don't? Mr. Wyatt looked more into this the next day and confirmed cartons are accepted. Heidi will talk to Becky about the 600 flyers needing printing and folding and Lesley offered to come help with that. Two dumpsters need to be ordered for the metal waste collection. More can be ordered at a short notice if need be.
4. Budget review: set the Eco Maine Tipping fee to \$23,305. For 2023, consider new development and add 2% for the MSW budget. Bag prices are not covering our costs so we discussed raising bag prices. Need to get current tipping fees and tonnage. Reviewed bag usage rates from Waste Zero from Mr. Wyatt. Great record keeping, thank you Andy! We agreed to leave bag sales at \$26k for 2023.
5. Mr. Wyatt talks about the meeting help with Eco Maine and neighboring towns about the future of trash pickup held on May 18<sup>th</sup>. Casella will be buying new automated trucks and regionalizing town pickup. This makes it easier for Casella to minimize the amount of drive time and miles and eliminates a rider on the back of the trucks. This change with Casella will happen in about 2 years. Pownal would need to buy containers for each resident (sold in 3 sizes) and tonnage would need to be estimated per town/route. We discussed how this would be for pownal and researching other possibilities for trash removal.
6. Andy Wyatt is resigning after his volunteer service with Pownal since 2006 in multiple committees. We all thanked Mr. Wyatt for his devotion, research, and wonderful record keeping skills. He will be missed!! Thank you Andy!!
7. Mr. Johnson made a motion for adjournment. The motion was seconded. The motion passed with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Submitted by,  
Lesley Taisey

\* Zac Cote \* Will Johnston \* Theresa Lofgren \* Heidi Richards \* Andy Wyatt \*