

Kensington Recycling Subcommittee Minutes of Meeting on February 18, 2020

Present: David Perkins, Ken Leonard

Meeting opened at 6:00 pm at Kensington Public Library

RFP completed, so just waiting on responses from vendors now

Discussion of recent NHMA webinar regarding waste and recycling in NH communities:

Savings can be achieved via source separation, but this is a big change and town would need to be polled to get understanding of general willingness to make such a change

If town was primarily interested, would first reach out to nearby towns which already have transfer station and try to work out agreement to allow Kensington to make use of it

If that's not an option, would be a major undertaking to create Kensington's own transfer station in town and staff it. Would need to be able to justify the cost/effort.

Individual composting may be one of the easiest ways to reduce tonnage of MSW pickup

- Possibly utilize discounted price on bins NHMA is offering for residents to encourage composting
- Look into local companies which pick up compost as alternative option for those who prefer over having a bin in their yard
- Start information campaign for residents to learn about why costs are going up and how reducing costs and being environmentally responsible is a shared responsibility

Begin info campaign by sharing article David found and link to webinar (get area for this on town website?)

Create short (hopefully single-page) info sheet made available on town site and hard copies:

- Add trend chart showing cost increasing as available space for MSW is on decline
- Add inverted triangle from webinar showing priority of how to reduce waste
- Cleaning containers not as important as only putting correct recyclable materials in bins
- Encourage people to buy recycled products, which increases market value and would decrease cost for dropping off at locations like Greenworks

David to send statement for us to work on remotely for purpose/direction of this subcommittee

Glass crusher info from webinar: can reduce some weight from recycling, aggregate can be used by contractors/DPW as base for putting down roads

- See if any nearby towns have one and would be willing to work with town to take glass
- Otherwise can be shipped up to Canadian facility which turns it into fiberglass insulation

Reach out to NHMA for info on how communities like ours could benefit from local transfer stations to collect / sort recycled materials

Find sharable plan for home composting areas (as alternative to bins) with box store materials

- Plan a volunteer day to help people get composting areas set up at their homes

Start building a survey:

- How residents would feel about sorting recycling and going back to alternating what materials are picked up each week
- Driving recycling to nearby transfer station and sorting materials themselves
- Do people compost, if not, would they be willing to with some start-up help

Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm

Next meeting TBD