

# Solid Waste Survey 2021

## Notes to Accompany “Additional Comment for Future” & “Added Services Desired” Sections

How I Proceeded:

Created spreadsheet with A column for each of the 17 pages of ‘Additional Comments’

Listed the different comments/ requests on header row.

As I went through each page I used marks in the cell corresponding to the Page and Comment-Topic..

When finished I duplicated that sheet and turned the marks into numbers (lllll became 5)

Then I created a column next to the Comment-Topic Column and used a formula to add all the results from all the pages for that comment. This provided. Numbers of Folks who made that comment. Many Comments actually contained several topics, each of which was recorded.

The Comments reflected some questionable information and perceptions.

Lease for barn is too expensive. In reality \$1600. very little for space.

The cost to empty silver bullets 6+ /month @ \$400 each. = \$2400 / mo

Many who favored a new building, suggested something small.

### PAYING FOR RECYCLING

Keep affordable so all can recycle/use

Several offered to pay to support program so less well off could use it at no cost.

REDUCE/REUSE Important, too, or even more so (GIFT SHOP, ETC)

### **EDUCATION! EDUCATION! EDUCATION!**

What can we recycle?

Rules: cleanliness, can labels etc

Contamination

Where is what we recycle (Single-Stream or otherwise) going?

**Request    Have a monthly newsletter and maybe an Annual Report  
(How much recycled , etc)**

## **Areas of Greatest Agreement.**

Added Comments 1st #.    Addes Services 2nd #

**Need for Bowdoinham to have a good/robust Recyling Program. 60. +3**  
(Bham history of award-winning program often mentioned)

**Go back to How it Used to Be: 56 + 9**

**Return to the Barn: 36 + 8**

**Need a Town-Owned bBuilding: 18**

**Need a New Building: 13**

**Fees on Recycling would Keep people from doing it: 13**

**Fix the Barn: 13**

**Current Program is not working/ unacceptable: 12**

**No New Building-Too Expensive & Wasteful: 11. +1**

**Missing the Community Aspect: 11**

**Do Curbside again: 11. +4**

**Better Recycling Education: 10. +11**

**Don't Reduce the Recycling Program: 10. +1**

**THANK YOU for Survey    9 +8**

**Gift Shop    9+8**

**Recycle Glass    + 18**

