

Agenda for Solid Waste Committee 10/28/2020

5:30 via Zoom

Task of Committee:

- a. Overseeing protocols for keeping the Recycling Barn open during the pandemic.
- b. Containing expenses for the recycling program and problem-solving curbside pick-up contamination.
- c. Addressing the condition of the barn after the Selectboard has reviewed inspections and reports and discussed their findings with David Berry.

Reminder: Freedom of Information Act, this is a very important statute! Per the Freedom of Information Act, committees can NOT have conversations/discussions via email, phone, etc. All committee discussions and decisions must be had and made at a public meeting. Any conversations by more than 2 committee members outside of a public meeting is considered an illegal meeting. Furthermore, all emails that you send as a committee member and/or regarding committee business is considered public information and is part of the public record. Committee members may use email to distribute information to all committee members and committee staff, but any discussion of that information must take place at a public meeting.

All committee members must be included in Solid Waste Committee emails:

Members-Cathy Curtis, Susan Brown, Michael Smith, Pat McDonough, Tessa Kingsley, Lisa Wesel, Susan Drucker, Bryan Benson

Nicole Briand is in the process of scheduling an FOAA Training for all town boards & committees members.

“Until then, email should only be used to distribute information, there should be NO discussion of that information via email. For agenda setting, I would suggest that you plan the agenda for your next meeting at your meeting and have an other business agenda item if something comes up.

As for meetings, the Town of Bowdoinham will be conducting public meetings via video conferencing. This is in accordance with emergency legislation (PL 2019, c. 617) enacted by the Maine legislature on March 17, 2020, which temporarily authorizes remote participation at municipal board and committee meetings by board members and the public. “

Call to Order

Amendments to the Agenda

Approval of the Minutes from 10/14/20

Old Business

- Review any information from Select Board Meeting/Solid Waste Committee meeting from 10/19/2020 and Select Board Meeting 10/27/2020 as it pertains to committee

- Update on how “Silver Bullets” are working as well as increased hours of access
- Cost of “Silver Bullets”, possibility of cardboard only dumpsters
- Update on information sharing with public/Facebook Page
- Status of talks between town and leaseholder of Recycling Barn
- Continued discussion on how to maximize revenue and reduce costs

New Business

- Review revised task document from town
- Discussion on whether this committee wants to continue with the work
- Draft survey to gather town resident input on recycling
- Determine what other information the committee needs and how to gather that information

Public Comments

Follow-up Items

Next Agenda and Meeting Date, time, place:

Adjournment