

Recycling Committee Minutes
8/20/20 via Zoom

Present: Meredith Martin, Leslie Whone, Sheila Morse, Jane Holmes, Tom Kennedy

Absent: Joe Carignan, Rick Macmillan

We discussed the problem Tom has been having with increased volume of unsorted trash going into the compactor, the construction debris bin, and the metal bin. He has been able to reduce the volume of the compactor by pulling out inappropriate items by hand. He has also been asking to look through people's bags before they go in and directing them to the appropriate bin. This is extremely time consuming. It has also generated at least one complaint to the Select Board, which makes Tom's job considerably more difficult. Requiring clear bags would go a long way toward solving the problem.

The Advocate will publish an article explaining the dilemma and suggested solutions. We all agreed that some effort should be made to remind/re-educate people about recycling. We'll make use of the Advocate for this.

Another suggestion was to require a sticker in order to use the Transfer Station and charge \$5-\$10 each. This would cover some of the increased costs associated with greater volume in the compactor.

In the meantime, the committee will review Transfer Station policies and recommend any changes. For example, should businesses be allowed to dump their trash for a fee or should we continue to prohibit them.

Tom reported that Dublin generated 316 tons of trash last year and that dumping fees have increased from \$102/ton three years ago to \$116/ton today.

We invite someone from the Select Board to join our next meeting. Or a representative from the Committee would be happy to accompany Tom to a Board meeting.

The meeting ended at 6:50.
Next meeting is September 17, 2020 6 pm via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Holmes