



Town of Plaistow, NH
Trash & Recycling Advisory Committee (TRAC)
145 Main Street, Plaistow, NH 03865

TRAC MINUTES
August 12, 2021

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM

ROLL CALL: Isabel Gautreau, Chair
Robert Kinkaid, Vice Chair
Richard Anthony, *excused*
Deborah Esparza-St. Louis
Kelley Fox, *excused*
Maryann Little
Mary Anne LoCascio

Also present: Jay DeRoche, *Selectmen*

Agenda Item 2: Review/Approval July 8, 2021, Minutes

★ *D. Esparza-St.Louis moved, second by M. LoCascio, to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2021, meeting as written. There was no discussion on the motion. The vote was 5-0-0 U/A*

Agenda Item 3: Old Home Day

It was noted that Old Home Day had been canceled for this year.

Issues were noted to be:

- Lack of adequate sanitary facilities (porta-potties)
- Parking issues
- Budget for using Staff at event (Highway, Maintenance, Health Departments, etc.)
- Application to use the school for fireworks not completed/approved

J. DeRoche explained that the Budget Committee had left the Town with a \$100,000 shortfall and we are trying to get to the end of the year without having to layoff personnel.

There was discussion as to how to handle the donations that had already been received. There was some discussion about trying to organize a TRAC only event, or piggyback off another event in Town to be able to make use of the donations that had already been received and the work that members had already put into displays and other items intended for the Old Home Day booth. It was suggested to look at the Recreation Department calendar and see if there were any events there. Another suggestion was a table at Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day, when hosted in Plaistow again. It was decided that for now the vendors would be contacted, and the items returned in hopes that they could be asked again in the future.

Agenda Item 4: Old Business

a. Actionable Items from JRM Hauling Discussion

There was discussion about the previous meeting with Rich Pearl, from JRM Hauling. It was noted that Mr. Pearl worked more on the commercial side of the business, and didn't have some of the answers the TRAC was looking for regarding the municipal waste collection and recycling. He had offered to get back with answers, but so far nothing has been received.

There was discussion about requesting another visit but making sure that it would be the best person to answer the questions the TRAC had, specifically about contamination.

M. LoCascio offered to reach out to her connection at JRM and work out another visit to an upcoming meeting. It was suggested that the person come the same night as the Waste Zero representative, but it was then decided that it would be best to have them at separate meetings. (Action Item).

It was noted that Mr. Pearl had informed the TRAC that stickering of contaminated recyclables was part of the current collection contract and could be re-initiated at the request of the Board of Selectmen (BOS). It was noted that the current contract was nearing an end and it wasn't yet unknown what would be the stipulations of the next contract. It was decided to hold off on making a recommendation to the BOS regarding stickering at this time.

b. Waste Zero – New Date – August 31, 2021, 7:00 PM

It was confirmed that there would be a representative from Waste Zero to make a presentation for August 31, 2021. The meeting room has been reserved and the workshop will be posted.

Agenda Item 5: Action Items – Updates and Review List of Added Items (if any)

a. Additional Educational Materials

There was discussion about materials submitted by D. Esparza-St.Louis regarding disposal/recycling of single-use batteries. The information will be added to the educational materials.

Agenda Item 6: New Business

There was a brief discussion regarding working on what informational materials will be recommended to be attached to the recycling carts when they are distributed.

Agenda Item 7: Recycling and Plastics Beyond Plaistow

There was discussion about Casella using a new landfill for disposal. There was also discussion about how other states are dealing with trash disposal, incineration versus landfill. It was noted that there facilities in New Hampshire that incinerate trash to produce energy.

It was suggested that the five (5) potential vendors for the new trash contract be researched for their disposal methods for a recommendation to the BOS. It was offered that the Committee should wait until the BOS directs them to do so.

There was no additional business before the committee and the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dee Voss
Administrative Assistant