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## DRAFT MINUTES

TRAC Meeting

10/13/16

Plaistow Town Hall

Great Room

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm.

Attendance: Peter Bracci, Geoff Adams, Scott Sullivan, Kimberly Raymond, Laurie Milette, Francine Hart excused, Dave Jones absent.

Motion made by Pete to accept minutes from 9/22/16. 2nd by Kimberly, Minutes accepted.

Review of Towns Practices and Procedures: Are we going in the right direction? Connecting with neighboring Towns. The majority have Single stream curbside pickup with bi-weekly recycling. PAYT does not seem to be popular. 90% of the Towns contacted are very happy with their trash haulers. Very few complaints from their residents. Maybe 1 a month.

Example of questions asked when calling neighboring Towns.

1. Who is incharge of Trash?
2. Do you like them?
3. How often do you receive complaints?
4. How many barrels are allowed?

An Example of a Town and City with the automated arm pickup is Danville and Haverhill. Is there a cost savings to this system? They do have uniformed size barrels with a designated recycling barrel. In Danville they have the option of 2 different size barrels. Another note of interest is that if the tops of the barrels are not closed they will receive a warning sticker placed on their barrel and if it happens a second time the trash will not be picked up.

An example of a Town partnering with a neighboring Town is Kingston and Newton. Kingston can take their bulk items to the Newton Transfer Station.

Another question raised are there any haulers that have give backs on

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recycling to make it more appealing to have residents recycle? Casella was mentioned but the value of recyclables has declined.

Most importantly is educating our residents the importance of recycling for our environment. Presently there seems to be confusion on what is recycled and how? Recycling needs to be a way of life with understanding and as easy as just throwing it all in the trash.

The Committee would like to have a Recycle Campaign.

Ideas:

Slogan, contest, mailer, recycle calendar magnet for fridge, Facebook page are just a few of these ideas and will be discussed further.

At this time the next Meeting has yet to be determined.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.