



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

TRAC WORKSHOP MINUTES – Waste Zero Presentation
August 31, 2021

The workshop started at 7:00 PM

In Attendance: Jay DeRoche
Mary Anne LoCascio
Isabel Gautreau
Maryann Little
Kelley Fox
Richard Anthony

Also Present: Steven Lisauskas from Waste Zero (WZ)

Pay as you throw (PAYT) meters trash the same way one pays for water, electricity and other goods.

WZ sells the bags and helps with the implementation of the program, including outreach, execution and dealing with violations.

There is a per bag fee, but no contract fee, the town can get out of the contract at any time.

The town sets the per bag fee. You can choose the bag size. You can do 2 or 3 bag sizes. Most do 2. 30 or 15 gallon. Bags can go into automated carts. Trash goes into the bags and recycling goes into a bin.

The behavior changes typically create a 40% reduction in trash tonnage, which is a reduction in tipping fees and overall cost of trash.

40% reduction goes to waste avoidance 8%, refusing packaging, reselling or donating, 40% more

'real' recycling (such as compost and donations). Curbside recycling also increases.

There is still a fee for collection/ hauling and WZ will work with the haulers. The haulers benefit by picking up less trash volume, saving labor and time.

You can give the bag revenue back to people through taxes or use it for town projects.

They do the roll out to stores; they recommend 4 months. But they have done one in 7 weeks.

Action item: PUT WZ ON AGENDA for next TRAC to vote on whether to recommend

He could come back to present to the board

We can do a 1 year pilot program

The workshop was closed at 8:15 PM.

Submitted By:

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TRAC, Chair