Recycling Sustainability Committee

Minutes

Tuesday, August 27th, 2019
5:30pm
Hudson Town Hall, 3rd Floor Conference Room

Committee members: Steven Sharek (Chair), Michael Delfino (Vice Chair), Sean Frey, Jacqueline Gillis, Jillian Jagling, Fred Lucy II, Kathryn Nardozza

New business

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 5:34pm. All Committee members were present. Also present were Kelli Calo (Director of Public and Community Health) and Irene Congdon (MassDEP rep).

2. Approval of Minutes of August 6th: Michael Delfino motioned to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Jacqueline Gillis. The motion carried 7-0.

3. Financial Discussion
   a. Flow Chart: The Recycling Sustainability Committee reviewed the financial flow chart that Kelli Calo put together and made comments. Ms. Calo stated that this flow chart is intended only as an estimate, and actual numbers need additional information from the hauler, cart financing, etc.
   b. Billing Update: Steven Sharek and Kelli Calo met with Thomas Moses (Executive Assistant) and Patricia Fay (Town Accountant) to discuss billing. They determined the best solution to billing is to bill with the already existing water and sewer bill, which is quarterly.
   c. Carts: Kelli Calo received a quote for carts based on 2,000 households. This quote included a $1 buyout, and a monthly rent over 36 months. At the completion of the 36 months, the Town would own the carts.

4. Public Forum (September 10th) Discussion: The Public Forum is scheduled for September 10th, 2019 at 6:30pm at the Hudson Police Station. The RSC reviewed the PowerPoint and made comments. Kelli Calo will make corrections and will send out the finalized version to the RSC.
5. **Review of Draft Report for Board of Selectmen:** The RSC determined that the PowerPoint for the Public Forum will also be used for the report to the Board of Selectmen. Kelli Calo will schedule the presentation with the Board of Selectmen and will inform the RSC of the date so they are able to attend.

6. **Public Education:** The RSC discussed locations in which public education of the curbside pick-up program will occur. These locations included:
   a. Public Forum on Sept. 10th
   b. Presentation of recommendations to the Board of Selectmen
   c. Town Website
   d. Hudson Health Department Website
   e. Article in the local newspaper
   f. Flyers for the November Special Town Meeting
   g. Flyers with the annual census
   h. Signage boards, possibly at the rotary
   i. Flyers posted in downtown businesses

Fred Lucy stated that the Hudson Health Department should do the public education for the program.

7. **Ongoing Efforts After RSC:** Jacqueline Gillis spoke about two vendors for composting (Black Earth and City Compost) who are offering competitive pricing for composting pick-up in Hudson. The RSC spoke about the possibility of continuing to meet and offering assistance for education. Jacqueline Gillis mentioned the possibility of the RSC joining Green Hudson which meets on Sunday afternoons. Jillian Jagling offered assistance to the Board of Health when they move forward with contract negotiations, and provided a list of contract considerations to Kelli Calo to pass along to the Board of Health.

8. **Next Committee Meeting:** Public Forum on September 10th, 2019 at 6:30 at the Hudson Police Station. This will be a publicly posted meeting of the RSC so the committee can vote to approve Minutes for its meeting of August 27, 2019.

9. **Adjournment:** A motion was made and duly seconded to adjourn at 6:23pm.