



# TOWN OF NEW LONDON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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## **New London Waste Reduction Committee Meeting Minutes Thursday, January 5, 2023 10:00 AM**

**Call to order** – Chairman Liz Meller called the meeting to order at 10:04 am

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Liz Meller, Maureen Prohl, Jerry Coogan, Joy Kubit, Gerry Gold

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Bill Helm, Selectman; Kim Hallquist, Town Administrator

**MEETING MINUTES:** Minutes for meeting of December 1, 2022, were unanimously approved.

### **PROJECTS:**

- **Food composting pilot project:** Maureen reported that after 11 weeks of the pilot food waste composting project, the 20 participating households have deposited a total of 1.3 tons of food waste, collected and removed from transport to landfill. This is an increase from 0.9 tons at the 8-week mark. Quick replacements were found for the two households that had resigned.
- **NRRA and NH DES grant projects:** Kim Hallquist said ND DES "waste reduction" grants have a deadline of February 1st. If Committee members write the core proposals, Kim will assist with proper submission of applications for grant projects. Jerry and Maureen will develop proposal text based on "Trash Tips" for posters and local advertising. Trash Tips are part of the larger public education campaign to improve recycling disposal, thus reducing waste to landfill.
- **Public Education for Waste Reduction:** Unclean metal and plastic containers is the major complaint from Kenny at the Transfer Station. Jerry said the Committee should prepare a 1-page handout to educate citizens. The handouts can be delivered at the Transfer Station, at automobile registration by the Town Clerk, and at other appropriate times. A QR code on the page could direct readers to the Town's DPW website for additional information.

Bill Helm said the InterTown Record needs stories, suggesting the Food Waste Pilot Project would be an important story. Also, the New London weekly announcements article could use stories from the Committee.

- **Kearsarge Shopper advertisements:** Jerry discussed Kearsarge Shopper costs of two types: advert costs and ad design costs. Jerry met with Howard Hoke, owner of Kearsarge Shopper, in late December. Howard suggested quarter-page ads bi-weekly or monthly. Costs for advertisements will be built into the Warrant Article for Town Meeting in March and, if approved, added to the DPW budget.
- **Town Meeting Warrant Article request for Waste Reduction projects:** The Committee's next meeting on January 19th will focus on planning for Town Meeting discussion of a warrant article. Funds will be requested for both expansion of the food waste pilot project and for public education (posters/signage and "Trash Tips") advertising. The Committee would like to start the advertisement in late March if approved by Town Meeting. Bill Helm noted

that warrants approved at meeting take effect with the July 1st fiscal year.

- **Styrofoam disposal:** Joy said Styrofoam/polystyrene collections will be held in Hanover this February and in Lebanon in April. New London needs to alert the public to the dates and collection locations. Before New London can organize its own collection day for Styrofoam/polystyrene, Joy needs more information from Town of Gilford about how to plan delivery to Gilford.
- **DPW Web pages and waste reduction information:** Maureen and Joy have inquired about student assistance to develop improved web pages for DPW and Town waste reduction information. Joy sent to Jerry a copy of the internship request that Kearsarge Climate Action (KCA) recently sent to Colby-Sawyer College. Concerns were stated that it appears that neither the college nor the Kearsarge School District has plans and programs in place to support learning for waste reduction and climate change learning.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** Next Waste Reduction Committee scheduled for January 19, 2023 at 10:00AM. at Town Offices meeting room.

**Motion to adjourn:** Meeting adjourn at 10:58am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gerry Gold, Secretary  
Waste Reduction Committee