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New London Waste Reduction Committee Meeting Minutes Thursday, November 17, 2022 10:00 AM

Call to order – Called to meeting to order at 10:00am

MEMBERS PRESENT: Elizabeth Meller, Maureen Prohl, Jerry Coogan

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gerry Gold, and Joy Kubit

OTHERS PRESENT: Bill Helm, Bob Harrington, DPW Director, Zoe Adams, CSC and Kurt Croft, NLH

MEETING MINUTES: Approved meeting minutes from 11/3/2022.

PROJECTS:

- **Colby Sawyer College (CSC):** Zoe Adams, the CSC sustainability coordinator, described the composting activities. CSC was bringing food waste and scraps to Spring Ledge Farm for composting, but due to an animal issue, Spring Ledge stopped accepting it. CSC is now talking to Casella about taking compost. Casella will conduct a waste audit for CSC. She mentioned Professor Jim Killarney who is into recycling a micro plastic. He would be a good contact. Maureen mentioned the renewal composting project; Renewal is taking food waste / scraps from the Blue Loon, Tuckers, and a few residential customers. Maureen mentioned the New London Pilot renewal composting project and that Renewal Compost is the company taking food scraps from the 20 households. Zoe noted that CSC is a “green restaurant certified” facility.
- **New London Hospital:** Kurt Croft describe the “pig” which is a commercial type garbage disposal system with a grease trap; NLH is not composting. NLH sends the ground up material to the NL – Sunapee Wastewater Treatment facility. Naughton and Sons takes the balance of the NLH material, including all types of trash, recyclables and food scraps thrown into the trash. NLH brings paper products to the Town transfer center and “blue bags” to a facility in Bradford, NH.
- **Compost experiment:** In a four-week period, Maureen reported that 582 pounds of food scraps have been taken by Renewal and thus did not go into the landfill. This represents a little under 0.3 of a ton. On an annual basis, if 800 households, participated 125 tons could be composted. Bill mentioned getting CSC students involved in projects regarding waste management and waste reduction.
- **Transfer Center:** There was a discussion of the visit to the transfer center. All were impressed with the knowledge of the transfer attendants and their data base.

NEW BUSINESS/OTHER

- Maureen discussed public education such as improvements to the DPW website and the Waste Reduction Committee page, informational flyer when people register their vehicles and information at the Tracy Memorial Library.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Next Waste Reduction Committee scheduled for December 1, 2022
10:00am in Syd Crook Conference Room

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry Coogan
Town of New London