

**New London Waste Reduction Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, June 8, 2023**

**Call to order:** Chairman Jerry Coogan called the meeting to order at 2:07 PM

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Joy Kubit, Chris McKee

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Bill Helm, Selectman; Bob Harrington, DPW Director.

**MEETING MINUTES:** Minutes for meeting of May 25, 2023, unanimously approved.

**PROJECTS:**

**o Field Trip to Renewal Compost, Derry, NH, June 28th:** Liz said the meeting time is 2:00PM in Derry. Carpooling c.12:45PM from New London. Bebe Casey, a Town resident, will join the group. Gerry asked that the meeting allow at least half an hour for discussion in the office at Renewal Compost. One question is Renewal's capacity to grow the business if other towns and more restaurants participate.

**o Participating Household for Food Waste Phase 2 Composting Project:** Liz reported that as of June 7th, 60 new applications to participate in Phase 2. With the original 20 Pilot Project household, that means 80 of the 160 total permitted households were likely enrolled.

**o Compost Project organization:** Discussion of distributing the 5-gal compost buckets to participants resulted in: a) asking Renewal to deliver new buckets to DPW on Tuesday 6/27/23; 2) Distribution of buckets to participants will be at DPW South Pleasant St, on Saturday 7/1/23 and Thursday 7/6/23 at DPW. Each day's timing will be 2 hours, 9am to 11am.

Bob Harrington will talk to Transfer Station staff to plan for expanded compost deliveries from 160 participants. It is expected that the current location and single collection bin is adequate. Additional costs, if required, could be absorbed by the DPW Revolving Fund.

**o Kearsarge Regional School District compost planning:** Jerry Coogan met with the KRSD Superintendent, Winifred Fenenberg, to discuss a possible compost project. They agreed a contact person at New London Elementary School is appropriate.

**o Grant funding for Town compost projects:** Bob Harrington noted possibilities of grant funding from State of NH and NRRA to be researched.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** Next Waste Reduction Committee meeting is scheduled for July 27 (7/27/23) Thursday at 10:00AM at Town Offices Syd Crook meeting room,

**Motion to adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 2:58PM..

Respectfully submitted by Gerard Gold

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