



TOWN OF NEW LONDON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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New London Waste Reduction Committee Meeting Minutes Friday, September 16, 2022 10:00 AM

Call to order – Called meeting to order at 10:01am

MEMBERS PRESENT: Elizabeth Meller, Maureen Prohl, Gerry Gold, and Joy

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jerry Coogan

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

MEETING MINUTES: Approve meeting minutes from September 1, 2022

- **Motion** made by Liz Meller to accept the meeting minutes of September 1, 2022.
Unanimously approved.

PROJECTS:

DECISION for Food Waste Collection trial project:

- **A formal commercial contract between the Town of New London and Re-newal Compost of Londonderry, NH** (<https://renewalcompost.com/>) was agreed by the Committee. Maureen was asked to gather complete information to present to the Selectmen at their October 6th meeting. Information from Nordic Waste and Casella was deemed incomplete.
- The plan is to conduct **a 3-month initial trial of Town-sited collection point for food waste brought to the site by 15 households**. Following instructions provided by Renewal Compost (RC), households will bring their food waste to an RC-collection cart/tote at the New London Transfer Station. The food waste cart will be collected weekly by RC, per NH State regulations. The cart/tote will be secure from animal (e.g., rat, bear, raccoon, etc.) predation. Renewal Compost liability insurance will protect the Town of New London.
- **Trial start date of Oct 18th** was agreed.
- Maureen suggested, and the members agreed, that the 15-household trial should try to reflect the diversity of household sizes, ages, and areas in the Town.

Information Outreach Plan:

- September 26th Municipal Matters article.
- October 1st presentation at Town Advisory Committee.
- October 6th presentation at Selectmen meeting.
- Application form on Town website.
- Other public notices as needed.

NEW BUSINESS/OTHER

For the 10/1/22 Advisory Committee meeting:

- Liz will present an overview of mission of Waste Reduction Committee.
- Maureen will prepare the application form for participants to apply to participate in the food waste collection pilot project.
- Jerry Coogan will present information about plastic waste reduction, including the Rotary Club current project for collection plastic bags, and also other plastic waste reduction opportunities.
- Joy will present information about possible collection and pellet-processing of styrofoam to remove the product from haulage and landfill.

Note also future plastics depolymerization technology:

1. <https://aster-fab.com/plastic-recyclingtowards-increased-depolymerization>
2. www.loopindustries.com
3. <https://ellenmacarthurfoundation.org/topics/plastics/overview>

NEXT MEETING DATE: Next Waste Reduction Committee scheduled for Friday, September 30, 2022 at 10:00am in Syd Crook Conference Room

Motion to adjourn: Meeting adjourn at 10:52am.

Respectfully submitted,
Gerry Gold
Town of New London