

New London Waste Reduction Committee
Meeting Agenda
Thursday, July 27, 2023
10:00 PM Syd Crook Meeting Room
Agenda:

Call to Order:

Review /accept 06/08/23 meeting minutes

Old Business:

1. Recap of the visit to Renewal on June 28th
2. Compost Phase II – total number enrolled, 3rd distribution date, bio bags sold by Town (when and if), and other items and other items.

New Business:

1. Plastics – a) Memo from Joy; b) Proposed Styrofoam Day – October 28; c) information from Liz on plastic recycling
2. Email protocol regarding town business – Maureen
3. Visit to the Wheelabrator Plant – Liz et al
4. Brief meeting w Sue Mosely, Hilltop
5. Potential training by Olivia, UVLSRPC
6. Public information effort – Gerry G and Jerry C¹; regular articles
7. Meeting w George Parmeter, Lead, Health & Sustainability, Ahold Delhaize I USA, owner of Hananford
8. Site plan layout for the Transfer Center – Should we discuss this or defer to the BOS?

Next Meeting and Adjournment:²

¹ Joy's recent article in the InterTown Record was well received.

² Anticipated adjournment by 11:15 AM.

2023 June28 Renewal Compost Site Visit Report Waste Reduction Committee

New London Waste Reduction Committee
Site Visit to Renewal Compost Inc. at compost site in Derry NH
Wednesday, June 28, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Liz Meller, Gerry Gold, Maureen Prohl, Chris McKee

MEMBERS ABSENT: Joy Kubit, Jerry Coogan,

OTHERS PRESENT: Karen Ebel, NH Representative ; Bebe Casey, New London Selectman.

The site visit commenced at 2:00PM on a rainy day at J&F Farm, 124 Chester Road (NH 102) in Derry NH (<https://jandffarmsnh.com/>) is approximately 68 acres of mostly conserved land. The land was put into conservation in 2002.

We were greeted by Lou Savino and his wife and business partner, Meagan.

Lou explained that the land is owned by the Ferdinando brothers. One side of the property is a farm stand and barn with "petting zoo" farm animals. The other side is both crops, pick-your-own fields and a wholesale garden supply business where we saw truck trailers and pallets of soil amendments.

The hour walking tour took the group to a pile of recent collections of compost mixed with soil. From there to a point where we could view both an older windrow compost pile and the crop fields. We returned to the Farm market stand under a mix of tent and roofing materials for further discussion out of the rain.

Lou's primary comments were:

- 1) **The compost business:** Lou's primary job is driving a truck to collect food scraps from commercial and residential customers in over 20 cities and towns in southern and central New Hampshire. His income is the payments received from his customers. Lou's wife, Meagan, manages the paperwork side of the business.
- 2) **Compost farm site in Derry:** Lou delivers collected food scraps to J&F Farm in Derry at no cost or payment. The owners, the Ferdinando brothers, accept the food waste and are themselves responsible for managing the composting process. The relationship between J&F Farm and Renewal Compost has been excellent and cooperative. Lou at times also assists with turning the compost piles but the Ferdinandos have the heavy equipment to mix with soil and then turn and move the large piles.
- 3) **Compost product:** Part of the exchange is that Lou's Renewal Compost can purchase finished compost at wholesale prices and sell the finished product at retail prices. Renewal Compost also, for good will purposes, delivers free to residential customers one 5-gallon bucket per year per customer.
- 4) **Growth capacity:** Lou foresees no current limit to the capacity of J&F Farm to use all the food waste that Lou can bring from an expanding business.
- 5) **What happens to bones and meats and cheeses?** As a commercial food waste composting facility, Renewal Compost can accept meat and dairy, along with the more traditional vegetable/fruit scraps. The main bulking agents are hay and manure, which are applied to the most recently delivered food scraps, to deter rodents when the material is offloaded at the farm. In addition to deterring animals, the bulking agent helps get the pile to higher temperature to kill off harmful bacteria. Lou accepts manures as part of the

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service. He currently does manure pickup for two customers who fill 60-gallon containers every other week with bunny manure. This manure waste is mixed in with food scraps before it is brought at the farm. Hunting is permitted on the Farm premises, which helps control the vermin population as well. Bears have not been a problem at J&F Farm.

6) Major challenges to business: Equipment expense and quality control are currently the major challenges to the growth of the Renewal Compost business. Lou's father-in-law has been helpful with equipment repairs and improvements, such as a mechanized bin-loader for his food waste trailer. Also he lacks a large industrial scale sifter to find and remove any contamination. At some future time Meagan's father may become an employee assisting with business as it grows.

7) Next steps: Lou and Meagan hope to save funds to purchase equipment for their business as it grows. They are aware that recent NH legislation will create a competitive grant fund to support improvements in the food waste composting business. Rep Ebel said she could provide additional information. The grant program will be administered by NH DES.

8) Compost competition: Collection and composting of food wastes is a growth business in New Hampshire. Black Earth Compost is based in Massachusetts and seeking to expand its territory into southern New Hampshire cities. <https://blackearthcompost.com/>. On the Portsmouth coastal region of NH and Maine, Mr. Fox Composting <https://mrfoxcomposting.com/> has provided encouragement for him to start Renewal Compost.

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,

Respectfully submitted by Gerard Gold
Town of New London

SEE: Renewal Compost: <https://renewalcompost.com/> :
o Derry NH www.derrynh.org/conservation-commission/pages/corneliusen-farm-property

Sun, Jul 23, 9:02 PM (16 hours ago)

Joy Kubit

to **Bob, meghan, Bill, Liz, me**

Bob, I am in Canada through 7/27. Jerry asked me to followup on the info I have received from Meghan in Gilford and some of the other small towns who have collected foam locally. We had discussed much earlier having a collection at the DPW. Would Sat, Oct 28 work for you? Nov 4 would be another possibility. Would we be able to either borrow a DPW truck to transport the afternoon of either Sat or would either of your staff be able to do that? Tamworth (population 3000) has had two collections, using a pickup truck with cab and a van for transport of foam. Not having done this we do not know how much foam would be dropped off at the DPW. We do know we would need several volunteers to make this work. We are just trying to figure out logistics, especially transportation.

Meghan has indicated she would provide bags for the collection and that we could transport to Gilford on Saturday, Oct 28th. Please see Jerry's note below. Is it possible to collect one weekend and transport the next as far as NL DPW?

Bob, thank you so much for your help, patience, and expertise on the WRC. We are all learning. Anything else we need to address with you? I do have internet while here in Quebec. Joy

Lebanon April 2023 collection facts- contact Liane Avery-199liane@aol.com

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of cars recycling styrofoam- 188

of towns represented- 29

of volunteers used- about 20

Roles:

Donation collector (1 to 2 people, may be combined with greeters or traffic controllers)

Accept donation money and keep it safe

Return change if requested

Greeter/Gate check-in (2-3 people)

Offer info sheet Jon

Point out donation person(s)

Direct car to the first traffic controller

Traffic Controller (2-3 people)

Direct cars to drive in two lanes toward the trailers or out the exit

Answer any questions asked while people drive through

***Unloader (3-6 people)**

Identify material as acceptable or not

Redirect anyone who has brought peanuts to bring them to the UPS Store at True Value

Hardware in Hanover

Identify any tape or labels still on the items. When feasible, please instruct the person to remove it themselves. (We will have a trash bag on site.)

Help bring material to the super sack

When requested/feasible, return bags or containers to the owner

***Packer (3-6 people)**

Pack and stack within the super sack

Last chance to catch tape or items that should not have been accepted

\$1000 amount collected from cars recycling

Cost to rent uhauls-

Advertising done-

Cornish(pop-1800+)contact Cindy Heath-cheath58@gmail.com

Alexandria(pop-1800)

Collecting at TS- 6+ bags

Franklin(pop-8800)contact Justin Hanscom- jhanscom@franklinnh.org

Collecting at TS- going well, spoke by phone

Harrisville(pop-1000)- contact Penny King- penelopeking43@gmail.com

Rethink Plastic volunteer group, plus Recycling town committee

2 town committee members visited Gilford DPW 11/22.

Town collection 4/27, plus ongoing collection at TS- "Hall of Foam"

Transported styrofoam, 4/26(51#(1 truck and 1 trailer), 5/22 and 6/23(1 car full, each trip)

Advertising- column in Harrisville Common Threads every 3 months, posters in town, email group list

Presentation to Rotary 11/8/22

Moultonboro(4,100+) contact Ken Filpula-wmf@moultonboroughnh.gov

Summer population 15,000-20,000

TS drop off- 10+ bags- every 4-5 days to Gilford. DPW transportation.

Signage- clean and dry foam only. dirty foam not recycled. Workers help people.

Advertising- flyers handed out at TS.

Single stream except styrofoam at TS. Hauled by Waste Management

Sandwich(about 2000) peggylongley@sbcglobal.net

Selectboard approved 2 month pilot at TS

Use 4 Supersacks from Gilford

Volunteer drives styrofoam 2x week to Gilford, <25miles

Tamworth(3000+) maudanderson@fmail.com, ellenlynnfarnum@gmail.com

2 collection events-Tamworth only- collected early Jan 2023, Sat/Sun 9-1 pm- 91 lbs.

transported with 1 van and 1 truck with cap. No money collections. 2 volunteers per hour. 2nd

collection in June- about same amount but no weight yet.

Cost- gas to transport

Advertising- internet board in town, signage at TS, Tamworth Recycling group email list of 70 people. Sandwich board in town. Simple flyer for hanging in town and on Internet. Used large collection bags available from Gilford.

New London(4400, includes Colby Sawyer College 900)

Collection containers- large collection bags available from Gilford DPW- free

Options in NL-

Transportation of styrofoam collection event to Gilford- option

TS ongoing collection option with transport to Gilford

Plastics by the Numbers

May 2, 2020 WRITTEN BY Greg Seaman

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The well-recognized "chasing arrows" symbol we see on plastic containers and products does not mean the product is recyclable. The little number inside the triangle tells the real story.

This article has been updated from its original text.

Within each chasing arrows triangle, there is a number which ranges from one to seven. The purpose of the number is to identify the type of plastic used for the product, and not all plastics are recyclable or even reusable. There are numerous plastic-based products that cannot break down and cannot be recycled.



PETE

polyethylene terephthalate

soft drink bottles, mineral water, fruit juice container, cooking oil



HDPE

high-density polyethylene

milk jugs, cleaning agents, laundry detergents, bleaching agents, shampoo bottles, washing and shower soaps



PVC

polyvinyl chloride

trays for sweets, fruit, plastic packing (bubble foil) and food foils to wrap the foodstuff



LDPE

low-density polyethylene

crushed bottles, shopping bags, highly-resistant sacks and most of the wrappings



PP

polypropylene

furniture, consumers, luggage, toys as well as bumpers, lining and external borders of the cars



PS

polystyrene

toys, hard packing, refrigerator trays, cosmetic bags, costume jewellery, CD cases, vending cups



OTHER

other plastics, including acrylic, polycarbonate polyactic fibers, nylon, fiberglass

Understanding the seven plastic codes will make it easier to choose plastics and to know which plastics to recycle. For example, water bottles that display a three or a five cannot be recycled in most jurisdictions in the US. A three indicates that the water bottle has been made from polyvinyl chloride, a five means that it's been made of polypropylene, two materials that are not accepted by most public recycling centers.