

Recycling Committee Minutes June 13, 2022

Present: Victoria Simon, Mark Graziano, Dennis Kepner, Carol Libby, Sally Sulloway.

Guests: Rick Moriarty, Casella's Site Manager. Talya Bent, Casella's Municipal Account Representative. Scott Brown, applicant for this committee.

April 11, 2022 Minutes approved and accepted.

Presentation by Casella.

Brief history provided by Victoria of this committee's mission and interest in collaborating with Casella.

RC: Residents have asked about a weekly pick-up for recycling. Casella: Cost increases would likely not be approved by the Town.

RC: Are electric vehicles in Casella's future? Casella: Not in the near future.

RC: Does Casella run split body trucks (residents insist they see them). Casella: Not in York because too much bulky waste is thrown away here. Casella would like the home owner to contact Casella to tell them they have bulky waste.

RC: Would pay-as-you-throw work in York? Casella: Probably not because of differing sizes of households.

Casella is committed to moving to automated collection in York by 2024 which will increase costs.

RC: Who funds the new toters? Casella: The Town generally makes the investment to buy the toters.

RC: How can the committee help to reduce contamination? Casella: Contamination fluctuates. Casella has an incremental charge reflecting this but this charge does not apply to York because it's not in our current contract. Casella recommends that RC help by educating residents. Tagging recommended. Casella has a tagging framework and would work with us as they do in Westbrook and Biddeford.

Talya suggests we tour the Lewiston plant.

RC: Is there going to be a food waste component to Casella residential curbside? Casella: Not in the near future but there is discussion about 'organics' pick-up by subscription.

RC: What's the line of communication when there is a change in which items are "acceptable" for recycling. C: Casella to DPW.

Old Business :

Discussion of changing RC name to Sustainability and Recycling Committee and addressing the charges at Witchtrot postponed to subsequent meeting.

Dean was expected to attend the meeting in order to coordinate any last minute changes to the rewritten Ordinance in order to present to Select Board. Dean was not present and efforts to reach him at his office were unsuccessful. Given the tight time frame the committee voted to approve the Ordinance as written. Committee thanked Dennis for all his work.

Upcycling artist, Kim Bernard at York Library July 13 and 15. RC will host refreshments at artist's talk July 15 at 5:00pm. RC and library will publicize.

Our budget is spent for 2021/2022 fiscal year.

Meeting adjourned at 5:05. **Next meeting**, July 11, 2022, 3:00 pm at York Public Library