

Solid Waste and Recycling Committee  
May 15, 2019 Meeting  
The meeting opened at 7:30 a.m.

Present were: Wendy Carr – Chair; Ray Emerson, Debby Wheelock, Jan Limmen, Tammy Willey, Otty Merrill, Tim Polky, Ben Caron, Kate Johanson

Minutes for the April meeting were approved.

Spring Roadside Cleanup Day evaluation – the cleanup went fairly well this year. The people who volunteer almost every year participated as well as a few others. Finding ways to encourage young people to get involved was discussed.

The trip to the Norridgewock Waste Management facility tour was discussed. Everyone who went was impressed with how involved it is to run a landfill. The quantity of garbage that facility receives is astounding. It takes municipal solid waste from 40 communities in Maine.

The idea of having another shredding event in conjunction with the business alliance maybe in 2020 was discussed, and to promote it as a service to citizens.

Feedback regarding the Maine Resource Recovery Association's annual meeting in May was discussed. Most members feel the Association needs to respond to the needs of small towns like St. George—most of the sessions were of interest to cities who have curbside pickup and also single stream recycling. We will make that known to MRRA. The committee is considering not going to the meeting next year.

Ray will set up a trip to EcoMaine in Portland in June for interested committee members to tour their facility.

Transfer station issues: Even though there is an abundance of signage, returnable bottles are still often placed in the glass bin. Ben suggested the glass bin be moved to around the corner from the trash compactor, so as to suggest to citizens that returnables belong in the bottle room.

The new transfer station sign will be erected this week.

Compost is available for sale--\$72 a truckload, \$3 a box, \$2 for a 5 gallon bucketful.

Committee members may volunteer on Saturdays to help citizens sort their recyclables.

Otty brought up the idea of making some kind of moveable sculpture for the parade.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00.

Next meeting is Wednesday, June 19.

