

# Town of Hopkinton, NH

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## Recycling Committee Minutes 09/05/06

### Hopkinton/Webster Recycling Committee Meeting Minutes September 5, 2006

*(These minutes are unofficial until approved at the next committee meeting.)*

Present: Chris Lawless, Don Lane, Debbie Augustine, Katherine Mitchell, Laura Mason, Don Lane, Will Merrow, Chris MacKenzie, David Lancaster, Michelle Wheeler

Guest: Liane Kerbyson

The meeting commenced at 6:30 p.m. Introductions were made. The minutes from the August meeting were approved with some minor changes.

Katherine told the group that the Post Office said they would be open to our posting signs there to remind patrons to recycle their junk mail.

The way the transfer station recycles glass will be changing. All glass, regardless of color, will be collected in the bin together. Debbie will check with Steve Clough to see how soon this program starts. There is now a textile bin at the transfer station. Michelle volunteered to write an article about the new glass and textile programs and may also include something about the new electronics program. Katherine will follow up with Jean Eaton about getting word out about electronics on the high school's parent e-mail newsletter. Debbie will e-mail Michelle and Katherine with the article she wrote on electronics should they want to utilize. The group was pleased that 10 pallets of electronic items had already been recycled in just a few short weeks.

Some time was spent reviewing Don's Pay as Your Throw (PAYT) article for the next *Town Lines*. A quick poll was taken and the majority agreed that they preferred a title of "Talking Trash" to "Trash Talking". The group reviewed the Power Point presentation Canterbury used for their public education sessions on PAYT. They found it very helpful and thought it could be easily modified with Hopkinton-specific waste volumes, recycling and disposal rates etc. They agreed it would be good to have a current list of PAYT towns in NH included in the presentation.

The group is interested in knowing more about how PAYT would affect the town's haulers, tipping fees, etc. Debbie promised to ask Steve Clough to come to the next meeting. She will also ask if he can provide town numbers to plug into the presentation's various slides and charts. David volunteered to contact David Kimball to see if he would be willing distribute a flyer about their recycling services in their next quarterly billing. Michelle said that the CT Department of Environmental Protection has some information provided by the EPA, including worksheets to help towns work through the different steps of implementing a PAYT program.

The group also wants to ask Steve about the possibility of starting a program to recycle Styrofoam packaging waste. Will and Chris will meet with the Students for the Environment club to discuss signs they would like to make for the transfer station.

The next meeting will be October 3rd.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Lawless  
Debbie Augustine

