

# Town of Hopkinton, NH

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## Recycling Committee Minutes - 02/13/2007

### Hopkinton/Webster Recycling Committee Meeting Minutes February 13, 2007

Present: Chris Lawless, David Lancaster, Don Lane, Debbie Augustine, Katherine Mitchell, Liane Kerbyson, Mary Leadbeater

The meeting commenced at 6:30 p.m. The minutes from the January meeting were approved with no changes.

The group discussed David's pay-as-you-throw (PAYT) proposal and whether the profits from the bags should go exclusively to the cost of trash disposal or to fund the entire cost of operations at the Transfer Station. They also discussed the possibility of starting out just covering the tipping and transportation costs and phasing in other operations costs over time. David suggested laying out the different options in the committee's recommendation to the Board of Selectman and said he could put something together for the next committee meeting. He estimated that the bag costs would be \$1.00 for the small size and \$1.50 for the large size. Debbie will confirm that the bag capacities are 15 and 33 gallons and get back to David. Chris said the committee might want to consider handing out a free bag and recycling brochure when the program first begins. The group agreed that was a good idea. Don made a motion to support David's proposal and Liane seconded the motion. The group voted unanimously to accept David's proposal as presented. They will discuss next steps and a time frame for implementing PAYT at the March 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The group reviewed a copy of the cover Debbie drafted for the recycling brochure highlighting the savings and environmental benefits of recycling; the group found the draft acceptable. Liane volunteered to revamp the brochure's inside information. They plan to have the brochure ready to hand out at the town and school district meetings. Chris wondered about the group working with other civic groups in town, including the Boy Scouts to plan a "Hopkinton Recycles Day" event around Earth Day. They will discuss this more next time.

Don said he would follow up with Steve Clough about what he sees as being the next 5 things that the town could recycle. Mary said she will check with her contacts in Webster to see if they were able to find anyone interested in serving on the committee at their pre-Town meeting (also meeting tonight).

The meeting concluded at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Debbie Augustine