

TOWN OF BEDFORD ENERGY COMMISSION MEETING

April 23, 2020

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- I. Call to Order 7:00 PM
- II. Quorum Count (5)
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - a. 2/2020 (posted online)
- IV. Reports of Members and Committees
 - a. Legislative update Denise
 - b. School projects – John Schneller
- V. Special Orders
 - a. Beautify Bedford (Earth Day cleanup) – Catherine Rombeau
- VI. Old Business
 - a. Green Business Award -
 1. Pandemic forced the award to be cancelled
 - b. Solsmart
 1. www.thesolarfoundation.org
 - A. Start with Bronze level – Sarah/Denise
 - c. –Electricity usage
 1. Library big electricity consumer – Jeff
 - A. DPW has purchased an Eyedro 3 phase energy monitor with web interface. Peter Barbuto set the system up in March to get baseline data during April
 - d. Change transfer station policy to put recyclables in solid waste – Bill Foote
 1. Proposal to change resident sorting to reduce costs and be ready for any future changes in recycling policy
 2. Is an onsite paper/cardboard baler an option?

- 3. Maybe look at an outdoor screen again as part of the public education effort
 - A. Look at the BHS sign the PTG installed this year
- e. Plastic (#2) to structural plastic wood replacement – John Schneller
 - 1. Working with the Conservation Commission to possibly address a bridge in town
- f. Incinerator Tour – John Russell
- g. New Boston transfer station tour –
- h. Jackson/Barlett transfer station Q & A

Q1 Do your sales of bailed recyclables cover the cost of labor and equipment?

A Not entirely. Recyclables are dependent on a fluctuating market, and what is being accepted at the time. We spend a lot of man hours sorting, because people feel that “plastic is plastic” and put unacceptable materials in the bins. This is done with our regular crew who we are paying anyway so it’s difficult to break out the actual cost

Q2 To whom do you sell the bailed material?

A Northeast Resource Recovery Association

Q3 Cost and capacity of bailer(s)

A They have 3 bailers the newest was purchased in 2015 for about \$17K that can be used for plastic, mixed paper, newspaper, steel and tin cans. A separate bailer is used for corrugate cardboard. The 30” dep, 44” high, and 60” wide bailers average output is 1-2 bales per day

Q4 Did the residents ask for this system or was it driven by the Town? How was this system accepted?

A The majority of the town is onboard and voted to implement the system to cut the cost of tipping fees and keep stuff out of landfills

Q5 How long has this user sorting system been in place?

A It has been in place for a number of years. Every ton recycled saves \$66/ton dumping fee, so even if we break even on the recyclables we are still saving money

VII. New business

- a. Reset of municipal aggregation committee recommendation to town council
 - 1. With two new councilors and a new chairman, the need for this needs to be explained
- b. June 5 CPNH (Community Power NH) Summit

VIII. Reminders: Next upcoming meeting is May 28

IX. Adjournment

Jeff Kerr (Chair) – 3/2020

John Russell (Vice Chair) – 3/2021

Denise Ricciardi – 3/2021

Lori Radke – 3/2021 John Schneller (School Board Liaison) – 3/2020

Bill Foote (School Board Liaison Alternate) – 3/2020

Andrew Gillis – 3/2022

Bing Lu – 3/2021

Sarah Braese – 3/2022

Tim Paradis – 3/2022

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