

Member/Operation Marketing Meeting
April 11, 2018
NRRRA Office, 2101 Dover Road, Epsom, NH

Notes

In Attendance: Patrick Bowne, Dunbarton, NH; Kregg Pinard, Lisbon, NH; Greg Hogan, Carroll, NH; Mike Tarling, Meredith, NH; Joan Cudworth, Hollis, NH; Ron Nason, Gilmanton, NH; Lisa Stevens, B CEP; Chuck Whitcher, Candia, NH; Bruce Purinton, Moultonborough, NH; Michael Cahalane, Effingham, NH; Claudia Lamphier, Effingham, NH; Steve Doumas, Merrimack, NH; Jamie Pike, Frankestown, NH; Varick Proper, Warner, NH; Timothy Allen, Warner, NH; Tara Mae Albert, NHDES, Joe Cuddemi, Bennington, NH.

NRRRA: Mike Durfor, Bonnie Bethune, Marilyn Weir, and Stacey Morrison

Joan Cudworth called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

- I. **Introductions-** Group introductions were made.
- II. **Approval of Previous Meeting Notes** – Lisa Stevens made a motion to accept the notes from the March 28, 2018 meeting as written. Steve Doumas seconded the motion to approve the notes and the motion was passed unanimously.
- III. **Plastics Update** – Marilyn gave an overview of the plastics conference that she recently attended. This included a presentation that explained what other organizations are doing to keep plastics recycling alive. NRRRA will make this presentation available on their website.
- IV. **Market Update-** Stacey presented the brief market update. She explained that the Fiber Market is still trending downward with no indication of where it might end or stabilize. Mixed paper is down another \$10 which means that in most cases, there is now a charge for disposing of mixed paper. Cardboard is also down about \$5 -\$10 depending on whether it's baled or not. As always clean, dry, baled cardboard fetches more per ton so keep that material clean! The good news is that plastics is up about \$0.01 - \$0.02 per pound depending on the grade. Scrap metal is also trending up this month with a \$10 increase for scrap metal and steel cans. Aluminum cans are holding steady between \$0.48 and \$0.59/pound. Members were reminded that the Freon Pricing would resume it's Summer pricing at \$9 per unit as of April 1st.
- V. **Chinese Green Fence, Earth Goddess Etc** - Mike gave an overview of his presentation from the recent Talkin' Trash. This presentation, which covers the progression of China's ban on recyclable imports, is available on our website.
- VI. **PGA** – Bonnie explained how the NRRRA PGA program. We currently 5 collections sites and we are actively looking for more. A recent article in the news reports that the town of Hooksett is no longer accepting glass in Single Stream. NRRRA highly suggests to all of its members that they collect their glass in a separate container to ship out to one of our PGA sites for use as road base and DPW projects.
- VII. **Recycling Rules** – Mike reminded everyone that our conference was coming up next month, May 21 and May 22. Registration is still open and all are urged to attend. There will be no M.O.M Meeting next month due to the conference.
- VIII. **Operator Training** – Tara Albert of NHDES announced 14 newly added Operator Training classes that are coming up which include PAYT Programs, Toxins and Recycling Strategies offered by NERC. Mark

King from the State of Maine will offer 4 workshops over 2 days on composting. NHDES will be offering Things that go Boom and workshops on Universal Waste. For a full line up of available workshops visit the NHDES Website.

- IX. **NHtB** – Stacey reviewed the signs that are currently in stock as part of the NHtB free sign program she also announced the date for the next NHtB Board Meeting (May 22) and asked that anyone wishing to submit a grant request, do it prior to 5/5/18. Additionally, she announced that the Annual Litter Free NH Blue bag program was underway for any town planning a spring clean-up event.
- X. **School CLUB Update** - As time was running short, Mike gave a brief overview of what Sarah and Gwen have been up to relative to the School CLUB and the USDA Town and Gown grant work.
- XI. **Other Business** – Bonnie announced that the Town of Lancaster has some 50 gallon barrels available, free for the taking but they must be picked up on site.

Lisa Stevens made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:45, Steve Doumas seconded. Meeting adjourned. Next MOM Meeting will be on Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at 9 a.m.