

Member/Operation Marketing Meeting
June 13, 2018
NRRRA Office, 2101 Dover Road, Epsom, NH

Notes

In Attendance: Joan Cudworth, Hollis, NH; Patrick Bowne, Dunbarton, NH; Patrick Flynn, Wilton, NH; Kregg Pinard, Lisbon, NH; Joe Wheeler, Northwood, NH; David Hartman, Warner, NH; Tara Mae Albert, NHDES; Jillian Kossak, NHDES; Roger Rice, Dunbarton, NH; Carol Burgess, Greenfield, NH; Chuck Witcher, Candia, NH; Steve Wheeler, Salisbury, NH; Varick Proper, Warner, NH; Tim Allen, Warner, NH; Mark Marr, Canterbury, NH; Sally Hyland, Nashua, NH; Barbara Burr, Loudon, NH; Jim Lavachhia, Wilton, NH; Deb Eastman, Loudon, 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** – Roger Rice made a motion to accept the notes from the April 11, 2018 meeting as written. Chuck Witcher seconded the motion to approve the notes and the motion was passed unanimously.
- III. **Market Update-** Stacey presented the brief market update. She explained that the Fiber Market remained pretty much unchanged for the past month or so with the exception of SOP (sorted office paper) which is up a little this month. In Plastics Pricing, there has been no change in PET pricing but HDPE Natural is up \$0.015 while Mixed Color HDPE is down \$0.025. Scrap Metal pricing has been stable despite a slight drop late last month. Alum. Cans are up a couple of cents this month as well. Mike reiterated to the group that there is currently a **charge for mixed paper** due to China Sword. The cost for Single Stream is up so Members were reminded that source separation is always best when and where it's possible. #8 News is still seeing revenues- not a lot but some and if Members are able to pull it along with SOP out of their mixed paper, they could get a little money back to help offset some of the current fees for mixed paper. Marilyn announced that we have been talking to a new mill that will take mixed bales of both plastics and tin. Chuck Witcher encouraged fellow Members by letting them know that in his town, Candia, Recycling is still lucrative and although mixed paper is problematic, they continue to sort out their materials and are still making some money.
- IV. **Notices/Specs etc.** – Mike announced that there have been some recent changes because of many mills clamping down on what is “acceptable” material due to contamination. NRRRA Vendor, ecomaine, recently began enforcing fees from 3-10% based on the level of contamination and the number of warnings a customer has received. They are also unable to accept new customers at this time. EL Harvey has begun charging \$225 off-loading fee for mixed material in gaylords and contamination fees of up to \$170/ton. Members were reminded to keep their material **CLEAN**. NRRRA Plastics Vendor, TABB has stopped accepting headers on all Plastics loads. Additionally, bales cannot have cross directional wires, nor can they be wrapped in plastic shrink wrap. There are also size requirements on bales. As of the current time, we do have some vendors that will take the plastics with headers etc., but pricing may not be as favorable. Mike also explained to the group that all outside storage for recyclable materials must be covered and materials should not be kept in storage longer than 6

months. Hauling issues continue to be very challenging and we have some mills who have issues very specific loading instructions we will make those instructions available to both haulers and customers. NRRRA Construction & Demo vendor, ERRCO, has instituted new contamination fees for items such as sheetrock, insulation, pressure treated wood, etc., of up to \$101/ton. Joan Cudworth suggested a separate container for those types of items. NRRRA has specs if anyone needs them.

- V. **PGA & Glass Happenings** – A recent news article announced that Hooksett would halt glass recycling and soon, Laconia published a similar article called, “Glass is Trash”. NRRRA then sent out a counter article entitled “Glass is NOT Trash” which has been picked up by several media outlets. We have trucked 3 trial loads in to Massachusetts for a “ground” project and if it works, they’ll be ordering more. Dennis, MA will become a PGA Host site for all Cape Towns and will use the material in local road projects. Mike is still looking at other uses including a Canadian firm using it to make insulation. However, trucking could be expensive. Keene plans to stop taking commingle containers that include glass. Glass must be separated out which is quickly becoming the norm. We are continuing to look for other host sites in Gilford and Hopkinton, NH. Sally Hyland asked if NHDES had regulations on PGA use and Tara Mae replied that they do not have any for municipal use but was unsure about private use regulations.
- VI. **Summer Site Visits:** Bonnie & Marilyn will be on the road one day a week each over the Summer months. They will be doing some SWATS and they will be visiting some of the towns that they each “inherited” from Mike Nork to see how they work, what they recycle and how we can help them even more. Tara Mae asked if Town Officials are typically present at these site visits because she feels that having them present would be beneficial insofar as they don’t often fully know how the TS and recycling really work. Marilyn explained that it’s not typical from officials to be present as these visits are somewhat “informal” and more about day to day operations and less about economics of recycling. Patrick from Wilton added that he and his staff really enjoyed Bonnie’s recent site visit to their facility as they found it very informative and helpful. Marilyn asked (on behalf of several sites who have inquired) how NH DES is handling calls from Towns that want to start throwing mixed paper and glass in with their MSW/Trash? Tara responded by stating that NH DES makes every effort to encourage all municipalities to recycle however there are no RSA’s that say that they can’t throw it away.
- VII. **Fall Bus Tour 2018** – Mike announced that this year NRRRA would host a Fall Bus Tour on October 10th in place of a M.O.M Meeting. We are still in the process of firming up details but are hoping to visit Schnitzer’s Everett, MA facility and maybe Casella in Charlestown. Members would be notified by email and in our FOS newsletter when details are finalized, and registration is open.
- VIII. **NH the Beautiful** – Stacey stated that the next NHtB Board Meeting would be held in early August so anyone wishing to apply for an equipment grant should send in their applications by late July. She also reminded members about the NHtB Sign Program. Carol Burgess/Greenfield, asked if anyone could offer her assistance with a used oil grant for which she’s had a difficult time getting resolved. Tara/NHDES will investigate her issues and get back to her directly.
- IX. **USDA Equipment Grants** – Mike announced that the USDA also offers Equipment Grants. We hope to get more information about those grants from Karen Jameson and will pass the information along. Such a grant may assist with Styrofoam recycling – something that we’ve been looking into further as of late OR a food dehydrator for schools or even, possibly, as municipal transfer station. This

dehydrator will take 250 lbs. of organics and turn it into about 25 lbs. of “coffee ground” type material that can be used for compost. This dehydrator will also accept meat and dairy.

- X. **School CLUB/Town & Gown Grant** – Mike gave everyone an update on what the School CLUB has been up to as they wrap up a successful School year. Over the summer, Gwen and Sarah will focus their attention on the Town & Gown Grant work such as recording several education webinars for both schools and transfer stations. These webinars will be eligible for NHDES credits and will be posted on our website when available.
- XI. **Other Business** – Tara brought and handed out reading materials regarding composting, HHW and backyard burn piles. No other business was addressed.

Roger Rice made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Chuck Witcher seconded the motion which then passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m. The next M.O.M Meeting will be held on September 12, 2018.