

Town of Gouldsboro Solid Waste Committee Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2013

Members present: Ray Jones, Mary Ann Higgins, Jerry Kron, Janet Michaud, Becky O'Keefe, David Wilcock, Jon Young

The committee addressed a checklist developed by Jerry Kron and David Wilcock for the Solid Waste Committee:

Regarding the issue with getting the cardboard receptacle at the transfer station taken to Coastal – Bob Harmon takes it on an as needed basis for \$150.

Regarding developing a method to advise the public what will and will not be accepted at the transfer station, the town currently gives out a brochure to people when they buy the tags. People will be notified in the brochure that they must pay the fees for those goods that require extra fees (tires, propane tanks and freon units), at the town office. (It was noted that we should remind people that tires (without rims) can go with the regular trash pick up as long as they have a sticker.) The committee worked on the language and clarifications for this new brochure which will include; the definition of white goods – refrigerator, washer and dryer; the elimination of brown goods – TVs, washers and dryers and; the change in the definition of household rubbish to household garbage.

Regarding rejection slips for recyclables, it was suggested that Bob Harmon be reminded that these slips must be given every time material is rejected. This slip should be left in the container that the materials came in. The committee should confirm with Coastal the categories into which recyclables are to be separated. Once this is complete, the town poster should be updated, people should be notified in the newsletter and there should be a section for this on the town's website (including a clarification of what is and isn't acceptable at the transfer station.)

Regarding the acceptance of #1 and 3-7 plastics, it was suggested that Coastal be approached with the possibility of their expanding to take #1 and 3-7 plastics. If the issue is a space problem, Coastal (with the urging of member towns) might consider a capital outlay for another baler and assess the towns per capita, It was mentioned that Mark Wright could start picking up all plastics for single stream sorting for \$12 per ton.

Regarding next year's compost and recycling week at the Peninsula School, Becky reported that it will be sometime in April.

Regarding shoreline cleanup, it was agreed that a sub committee of this committee be formed/appointed to be in charge. It was suggested that Ron Priest and Kate McLeod be approached and/or we ask people to be part of this in the town's newsletter. Ray will look into this.

The next meeting will be held on an as needed basis.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Michaud, Secretary