

Member/Operation Marketing Meeting
November 9, 2016
NRRRA Offices, 2101 Dover Rd., Epsom, NH

Notes

In Attendance: Fred Garofalo, Lisbon, NH; Jim Jennison, Lempster, NH; Ernie Perry, Lempster, NH; Joan Cudworth, Hollis, NH; Steve Doumas, Merrimack, NH; Kieran Murphy, Bridgewater, NH; Hunter Kenny, Bridgewater, NH; Woody Bowne, Dunbarton, NH; Dennis Patnoe, Lancaster, NH; Brian Patnoe, Littleton, NH; Carl Hurltberg, Danbury, NH; James Larkin, Danbury, NH; Chuck Witcher, Candia, NH; Paul Colburn, Walpole, NH; Barbara Burr, Loudon, NH; LeeAnn Childress, Loudon, NH; Rick Williams, Rye, NH; Roger Rice, Lee, NH; David Hartman, Warner, NH; James Gooden, Whitefield, NH; Sarah Hyland, Nashua, NH.

NRRRA: Mike Durfor, Bonnie Bethune, Marilyn Weir, Mike Nork, Cindy Sterling, Stacey Morrison

Roger Rice called the meeting to order at 9:06.

- I. **Introductions**-Group introductions were made.
- II. **Approval of Notes**-Dennis Patnoe made a motion to accept the notes from the September 14, 2016 M.O.M meeting as written. Paul Colburn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- III. **Market Update**- Bonnie gave the Market Update. Plastics are down about \$0.01/lb this month. Mixed Paper is up about \$10 despite an otherwise unchanged price sheet from PPI this month. Bonnie reminded Members that presentation and accurate pictures are keys to getting good pricing for materials. Aluminum Can pricing is coming up and Steel Can pricing is following suit. Scrap Metal Pricing is also slowly moving upward. Schnitzer has advised us that they will not be changing haul fees for the upcoming year. Mike added that C&D costs may increase in March 2017. Plastics pricing will be determined by oil prices. "Pouch" recycling is expected to increase but finding a market for them at this time is a challenge.
- IV. **NH the Beautiful**- Stacey announced that the new fiscal year for NHtB has officially begun therefore so has a new year for grant applications and sign points. Stacey also announced that NHtB hopes to catch up on a back log of photo check presentations by attending a future MOM Meeting and presenting some overdue "Big" checks to use in press releases. Bonnie reminded members that NHtB may assist with the cost of plastic gaylords.
- V. **School CLUB Update**-Mike requested to know how many Transfer Stations were actively involved in their local schools. He then went around the table for the answers. Several Members indicated that they were active with local schools, others indicated that there is a very definite separation between the TS and the schools due to red tape and local government, Woody (Dunbarton) indicated that high Teacher turnover is a problem with keeping a sustainable school program in place.
- VI. **Composting in NH: Back to Earth, 7 tons in 10 weeks**- Cindy Sterling discussed how Hampton was able to compost 7 tons of materials in 10 weeks making this a very real possibility elsewhere. She further discussed an upcoming USDA Grant which will focus on Organics, LDPE, Electronics Collections, transport and end markets in certain targeted communities.

- VII. PaintCare Update-** Mike announced that the PaintCare may go to vote in the State House again and urged Members to continue to press local officials to support this bill if/when it does.
- VIII. Electronics-** Mike discussed a free box Pilot Program currently available for Sony products, other manufacturers are being urged to sign up as well. Boxes for all electronics are to be placed at TS, collected for \$0.16/lb which is much cheaper than current fees. Container needs to be covered and located in a storage trailer or concrete floor.
- IX. LDPE Outlets Vermont/Groveton Update-**Mike recently visited this location. His impression is that “they are not quite there yet”.
- X. National Zero Waste Movement-** Mike discussed a speaker that he heard at the recent NERC Conference. The speaker discussed that if the US committed to curbside recycling in every town in the US, this may increase recycling rates...or maybe not. Costs for this are high, and would not make sense in rural locations where the costs of this type of program would far outweigh the benefits.
- XI. Save the Date-The 36th Annual Conference & Expo-**Mike announced the 2017 NRRRA Conference dates (May 22 & 23) stating that the official Save the Date cards/invite would be going out soon. This year’s theme is “Back to the Future for Recycling...It’s Time” This year the conference will return to the Manchester NH Radisson and we plan to have a full day of workshops on Tuesday in addition to Monday so Members were urged to let us know if they had any recommendations for workshops, speakers for Vendors.
- XII. Other Business-**Mike announced that this would be the last meeting of 2016 and that the next MOM Meeting in January 2017, would be held on location at the Derry, NH Transfer Station and would include a tour of their new state-of-the-art facility. Mike went on to remind Members that the Transfer Station is the only town operation that generates revenue for the Town. On the subject of PGA glass, Mike admitted that glass is expensive to recycle but he is working to get it approved for use in communities. We are still looking for new host sites.

Roger made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:37 a.m. Motion was seconded. The next MOM Meeting will be held on January 11th, 2017 at the Derry, NH Transfer Station.