

Recycling Ad Hoc Committee  
Council Chamber, Newtown Municipal Center  
3 Primrose Street, Newtown CT  
Wednesday, March 16, 2022

Minutes

**Present:** First Selectman Dan Rosenthal, Maureen Crick Owen, Lisa Kessler, Ryan Knapp, Laura Miller, Steve Goodridge and Chris Gardner

**Also Present:** Public Works Director, Fred Hurley

**Call to Order:** First Selectman Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 6:09pm

**Voter Comment:** None

**New Business:**

**Recycling Program Recommendations:** Dan Rosenthal opened the discussion and reminded the group that a formal recommendation was needed at this point. Dan asked Fred Hurley to share what metrics we would be able to track to monitor resident use of recycling offered at the Transfer Station. Fred suggested car counts into the Transfer Station as well as counts around services utilized. In addition, we can track the tonnage of material collected at the Transfer Station and the curb and any changes to over time.

Maureen Crick Owen moved that we continue the curbside recycling program for at least the next fiscal year (7/1/22 - 6/30/23) with a concurrent effort to drive more resident usage of the Transfer Station through a transparent education and information process beginning as soon as possible coupled with infrastructure improvements to the Transfer Station, which are to be requested from American Rescue Plan Funds and implemented as soon as possible. The Recycling Ad Hoc Committee should continue to meet at least monthly to evaluate progress. The motion was seconded by Ryan Knapp with all members voting in the affirmative.

The group also requested an initial draft of materials to be used as part of the education/information effort from Fred/DPW for the next meeting to be held April 20th. Lisa Kessler suggested we get said information out through the school system before this school year ends.

**Voter Comment:** None

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 6:54

Respectfully submitted,  
Daniel Rosenthal

