

Recycling Ad Hoc Committee  
Council Chamber, Newtown Municipal Center  
3 Primrose Street, Newtown CT  
Wednesday, November 1, 2023

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 6:35pm

**Voter Comment:** None

**New Business:**

**Transfer Station Improvements Update/Discussion:** Dan Rosenthal opened the discussion and apologized for not holding a meeting prior to the newly configured transfer station opening. Fred Hurley gave an overview of the changes made at the site and adjustments made in the week following its opening. Staff was under the impression that the DEEP orange bag program had to be separated from the regular trash, which resulted in two containers and confusion among users. That was quickly addressed when they were informed that they could be commingled. Additional staff was added on Saturday, October 28th to and things flowed much more smoothly as opposed to the previous Saturday. Ryan Knapp questioned the layout of the new loop and that it differed from his understanding based on previous discussions with his expectation being that free recycling would have a loop and trash would have a separate loop/location. Fred Hurley responded that we located everything together to better monitor illegal dumping and the location on the site where there used to be additional trash disposal had some integrity issues with the foundation so it is not being used at present. Additional trash drop off for those with just trash is being added where the recycling containers used to be. That location will be better configured so residents are able to back in if they have large loads of refuse. Extra staff will be on hand to help through the next few Saturdays.

The group then discussed the issue of combining free recycling with trash drop off creates confusion around tracking valid permits. The possibility of going back to colored annual trash vehicle stickers and/or sending all residents a recycling sticker for their vehicles will be looked at. Ryan Knapp also suggested that the facility map that Fred Hurley passed out and was given to transfer station visitors be placed on the website as soon as possible with other related information.

**Voter Comment:** None

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Daniel Rosenthal - First Selectman