

September 20, 2019  
BPW Recycling Committee Meeting

9:00 am Called to Order

#### Members Present

Mayor Donchess  
Commissioner Ackerman  
Commissioner Pappas  
Commissioner Moriarty  
Commissioner Teas  
Aldermanic Liaison Jette  
Lisa Fauteux, Director, Division of Public Work  
Jeff Lafleur, Superintendent of Solid Waste  
Sally Highland, Recycling Coordinator, Solid Waste Department

#### Food Composting

Director Fauteux updated the committee on discussions with Jason Munroe from Grow Nashua. If he were to expand his program he would need a place to store the compost. He currently has around 70 residents that he serves and stores compost at Hannaford. Director Fauteux said that she doesn't think we should store compost at the landfill so another site would need to be found. A site would have to be permitted to take material from outside of their site.

There was a discussion about concerns about smells and flies. Possibly an outside source picking up the compost and taking it out of state. Director Fauteux also suggested donating a truck to Mr. Munroe to assist the business. There was a question about capacity but she feels it would be a while before it takes off enough to push his capacity.

Director Fauteux suggested hosting a "Composting 101" in the Auditorium for residents to increase awareness and also suggested promoting composting bins year round.

#### Landfill Permit Fees

Do we want to continue to charge \$5 and charge for items brought or do we just want to increase the permit fees to offset the increasing recycling cost? Current fees are first two pieces of electronics are free then \$5 for all additional. Mattresses are free. Superintendent Lafleur would like to charge for mattresses as they don't compact well. Charging would help reduce items being brought in from outside the city. Commissioner Pappas is concerned about increased dumping if we charge. Director Fauteux said that most other communities charge for items brought in. Manchester charges and doesn't have a dumping issue. She thinks we should make changes slowly to the fee structure with the end goal of eventually charging for all items brought into the landfill.

Commissioner Pappas feels that increasing the permit fee is punishing people from doing the right thing and bringing their items to the landfill. Director Fauteux says that there is a lot of trash coming in from outside of Nashua and that would help with that.

Director Fauteux plans to follow up with legal regarding where the legislation changes regarding fees is at.

A discussion commenced about tire disposal. The City receives \$3 per resident car registration for the disposal of car waste. If we charge for tires we likely will lose that money. An analysis needs to be done to look at whether we should consider charging for tires.

Regarding charging for electronics - some communities charge by item – TV's vs. computers. Currently we pay for disposal based by weight. We will bring an analysis for next Thursday's BPW.

The Board will recommend to the BOA to increase the permit fee from \$5 to \$10. All voted favorably except for Commissioner Pappas who voted against.

Commissioner Ackerman motioned to adjourn at 10:14 am. Approved unanimously.