

PORTSMOUTH SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING COMMITTEE
Town Hall, 2200 East Main Road, Portsmouth, RI 02871
Second floor conference room “the Portsmouth Room”

AGENDA for September 14, 2022 7:00 pm

EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLAN

MINUTES APPROVAL:

- Committee meeting minutes for June 8, 2022.

REPORTS:

1. Chairperson Report.
 - a. Paul B. Crabb
 1. Joined SWRC June 2019.
2. Recycling Coordinator Report.
 - a. RIRRC Monthly Summary.
 - b. 2022 TS sticker sales (1 and 2 sticker HHs).

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Big Belly Bins for Sandy Point Beach.
 - a. \$7,500 Discover Newport Grant 1200 30SEP application deadline.
2. “Collection & Transport Of Residential Refuse, Recyclables, Yard Waste, & Bulky” (Curbside) RFP posted at BidNet Direct.
 - a. Document Request List.
 - b. The question acceptance deadline pushed to 1400 30AUG.
 - c. Closing date pushed to 1300 16SEP.
 - d. Staff level working meeting to review 19SEP.
 - e. Anticipated date of presentation to Portsmouth Town Council 26SEP.
 - i. Review DRAFT presentation PowerPoint slides.
 - f. Road mileage/number of households to drive anticipated unit pricing.
 - i. Portsmouth (excluding Prudence Island) 169 miles:
 1. 22 private road miles, 37 State Road miles, and 110 town accepted road miles.
 - ii. Modeling against comparable Middletown, RI. Breakdown of roads in Middletown (103 miles), not including Navy, is as follows
 1. Private: 11 miles, State: 14 miles, Town: 78 miles
 - g. Mapping diversion items proposed RFP to current TS:
 - i. Tiverton: <https://www.tiverton.ri.gov/departments/publicworks/trash.php>

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Joint presentation with COA (organic food scrap collections in addition to yard waste) to the Town Council with the SWRC (late fall).
2. Public education.
 - a. *"RIRRC can make a customized basic mixed recycling guideline file for Portsmouth with Portsmouth information on it, provide a cart hang tag for distribution and much more."*
 - b. Namely contamination in recyclables when plastics that are not containers are placed in single stream recycling.
 1. *"Some examples of the most common and harmful material we receive is organic material/bags of trash, plastic bags and film, hoses, ropes, textiles, etc." ... "in terms of plastics, ... materials such as foam (aka Styrofoam), CD cases, plastic plant plug trays (that easily crinkle or tear) and the like."*
3. Other Multimedia Content of Interest:
 - a. ["The last municipal landfill in RI closes in three months. What's next in Tiverton?"](#) *Newport Daily News* (published 07SEP2022)
 1. *"Still, Rogers estimates the overall cost to the town following the transition to Central Landfill will be between \$350,000 and \$400,000, much lower than the \$800,000 it costs to run its garbage disposal program currently."*
 - b. ["Portsmouth: No butts about it — many smokers still litterbugs | Roadside display of 250,000 discarded cigarette butts tells the story"](#) *Portsmouth Times* (published 07SEP2022)
 - c. ["Why you can't always throw AA batteries in the trash"](#) *CNN Business* (posted 21AUG2022)
 - d. ["Widely Recyclable' Packaging Drives Debate on Access"](#) *Wall Street Journal* (posted 17AUG2022)
 1. [Letters](#) in Response (posted 01SEP2022).
 2. NOTE: Polypropylene is number 5 AKA "PP" plastic, which is not recyclable in RI (only #1 and #2 which comprise bottles are).
 - e. ["A mountain that just keeps growing.' What to know about the e-waste left behind by your gadgets"](#) *CNN Business* (posted 01AUG2022)
 - f. ["OPINION/LETTERS: Aquidneck Island is unkept and must be fixed"](#) *Newport Daily News* (posted 29JUL2022)
 - g. ["This Maine farm converts truckloads of food waste to electricity"](#) *Bangor Daily News* (posted 21JUL2022)
 - h. ["Soda Brands Are About to Get Possessive of Their Trash"](#) *Wall Street Journal* (posted 12JUL2022)
 - i. ["Dead solar panels are about to become a lot more valuable - The solar industry needs all the materials it can get"](#) *The Verge* (posted 08JUL2022)
 - j. ["Will banning nip bottles reduce litter? Fireball maker wants to try a new bottle instead"](#) *Providence Journal* (posted 07JUL2022)

NEXT MEETING October 12, 2022 7:00 PM

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