1. The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:30 PM. In attendance were members Carol Rubenstein, Andrea Brennan, Chelle Subber, Charles Tyler, Anne MacDonough, Karl Ludwig, Diane Hanson and ad hoc member Ron Buckler.

2. The August minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

3. Thank you’s were issued to:
   - Karl for doing August’s minutes.
   - Diane for creating a g-mail address for the Committee.
     Karl, Charlie, Ann and Chelle for offering to help with HHW Day on Saturday.
   - Andrea and Charlie for their continuing attention to the Styrofoam.
   - Charlie for his continuing attention to the fluorescent bulbs, the rechargeable batteries, the metal parts on the toilets and sinks and EVERYTHING else at the TS!
   - Andrea for her continuing work on the welcome bin program.
   - Ron for meeting with Carol R. and Carol Bois (Environmental Consultant for Town) about C & D collection.
   - Andrea for investigating cost of insert into Hometown Weekly.
   - Ruane and Father for picking up food scraps at Pine Hill School.
   - Carol for doing *everything* else!

4. Status of C&D Collecting Toilets and Sinks. Carol explained that she and Ron had met with the Town’s Environmental Consultant to review how we could set up the C & D Collection. It turns out that these collections are highly regulated and we would be limited to a 5 cubic yd container for collection. The Committee agreed that this does not make sense on 2 counts: 1. Hauling costs for a small load like that would be highly inefficient, and 2. After loading in toilets and sinks, there wouldn’t be room for much else. There probably would not even be room for many toilets and sinks. Ron suggested having a small section of fence to put the toilets and sinks behind.

5. Food Waste Drop-off Program. Ron said that there is a steady stream of incoming scraps.

6. Sticker and Rules Enforcement. Ron stated that most people coming into the TS now have current stickers.

7. Paper Shredding. Carol suggested a traffic pattern for the 2 streams of cars. She suggests that next year we should make a sign for split advertising the paper shredding.

8. Insert into Hometown Weekly. Andrea found out it will cost $84 plus the cost of producing 1750 flyers. The Committee decided to wait until 2017.

9. Nylon Grocery Bags. Carol noted that a group of towns is planning a bulk purchase of lightweight nylon reusable grocery bags that would take the place of plastic. The Committee decided not to participate.

10. Award of Grant money and new usage approved. Carol announced that we have been awarded $2500 for recycling practices in place. This will partly be used for the paper shredding event. She has learned that grant money can be used for attendance at the Reuse Conex meeting Oct 17-19. So remaining funds could pay for 1-2 committee members to attend.

11. Coupon for Food Scrap Bin. Andrea suggested that she include a coupon for food scrap bins in the welcome bins. The Committee thought that this was a good idea.

12. Electronics Collection. Carol noted that she was at a meeting this morning that dealt with electronics. Key points: 1. Batteries (especially alkaline) left inside devices are a huge problem for all electronics recyclers and if we could get people to remove the batteries before depositing the devices in the Electronics Shed it would be very helpful. 2. When people complain about the charge for LCD monitors because they aren’t CRT’s the answer is: “they have mercury and other hazardous materials in them which have to be removed during the recycling process.” 3. Scavenging in the electronics shed should be prohibited. Usually the most profitable devices are taken by people who know how to sell on the secondary market, leaving the most problematic ones for the vendor. The feeling among Committee members is that this doesn’t happen much.

13. Mattress Collection. Ron said that things are going ok.

14. Reorganization. Carol noted that Diane has been sworn in. Carol has a meeting with the Town Administrator to discuss the future of the Committee. Diane Moores in the Selectman’s Office will announce the pending opening for Committee Chair, though it’s not clear in what manner the announcement will be made.

15. Styrofoam Collection and Hauling. Carol said that we could go forward with Conigliaro at $150/truckload. Or we could pay $4/bag delivered to Conigliaro and Ruane and Father could haul for $80 per truckload. Carol will call Conigliaro to do the current pickup.


18. NERC Fall Conference Nov 1-2. Portsmouth NH. What recovery or recycling rate is achievable and how? Happenings with Sustainable Packaging. The Changing Face of Electronics Recycling—Reuse! Safety in Recycling—collections and operations. A
Transfer Station issues:

1. **Scrap Metal**: In the summer of 2008 at the height of the market we were paid $250/gt. We reached a new low price in early October 2015 when we were paid $20/gt. In July we were paid $40/gt, the same as in June and July.

2. **Tonnage Report:**
   a) **TRASH**: In August there were 12 trips of trash to Millbury. In July there were 9 trips of trash to Millbury. Tonnage for trash went up by 8.37 tons from July to August. Ron thought this did not make sense since 1 truckload usually weighs 8-9 tons.
   b) **PAPER**: In August EL Harvey accepted 4 loads of paper, the same as July. Paper tonnage from July to August went up by 1 ton.
   c) **COMMINCED**: In August ELH accepted 3 loads of commingled, the same as July. From July to August commingled tonnage went down by 0.92 tons.
   d) **Computed Rates:**
      i) **New Recycling Rate for the town in FY17 is 32.9%**. That is down from June 2016 when the Recycling Rate for the FY16 was 34%. Also down from last month when it was 33.0%.
      ii) **Average monthly trash tonnage for the town for FY17 is 117.3 tons**, in August it was 113.06 tons.
      iii) **Average MSW per household** is now 158.3 lbs/month, up from 155.2 lbs/month in July.
      iv) **Average trash per person** is 52.1 lbs, up from July when it was 50.25 lbs.
      v) **Average recycling per person** is 25.5 lbs/month, up a little from last month when it was 25.09 lbs/month.


**TONNAGE REPORT, INCLUDING AVERAGES FROM YEARS 1999 THROUGH FY2016**

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