

Wallingford Conservation Commission Agenda and Minutes  
Monday, Oct. 3, 2022, 11:00 AM  
Town Hall - Downstairs

Call to Order and Introductions 11:00

*Public Comments invited after discussion*

Review of any current/recurring issues at Transfer Station and brainstorm potential solutions 11:05

Brainstorm new ways to encourage/improve composting, re-use, and recycling 11:25

Wrap-up and Adjourn 11:45

Present:

Art Nemeth, Jerry Reynolds, Sandi Switzer, Carol MacLeod, Ralph Nimtz, Dennis Duhaime, Tom Fort

Current Transfer Station Challenges and Potential Solutions

- Plastic water bottles take a lot of space in zero sort recycling
  - Currently being investigated at state level
- Some residents not using clear containers/bags for displaying recycling prior to dumping
  - Supply clear plastic bag(s) 1x per year with punch cards or offer clear plastic totes for sale at transfer station and town hall
  - Communicate cost of recycling violations to taxpayers
- Trash being thrown into metal recycle bin over fence at night
  - Install camera(s) and signs for video surveillance
- 1-7 Plastic recycling accepted but some add 8 to the zero sort bin
  - Post what can and can not go into bin (already in progress with new signs)
- Recycling not clean
  - Communicate cost of recycling violations to taxpayers
- A lot of plastic wood pellet bags going into trash
  - Find reuse or recycle options for these bags
- No fluorescent light bulb or small battery recycling (Wallingford not certified to accept)
  - Obtain supply of \$15 stickers to Rutland County Solid Waste for sale to Wallingford residents at Transfer Station and Town Hall.

Additional Ideas to Keep Wallingford Clean and Minimize Waste (Improve Composting, Reuse, Recycling)

- Mesh woven into chain link fence around transfer station to improve appearance
- Identify better composting option for X-mas trees (currently accept limbs but not trunks >1")
- Improve communication about reuse options like Frontporch Forum and/or Freecycle