



MINUTES
TOWN OF NAGS HEAD
WASTE REDUCTION TASK FORCE MEETING
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2020; 9:00 A.M.
BOARD ROOM
(Approved Feb 4, 2021)

Members David Bragg and Robert Netsch (in person)
Present Kari Bakus, Meredith Fish, and Ann Daisey (via Zoom platform)

Others Interim Town Manager Greg Sparks; Dep Town Manager Andy Garman; Facilities Maintenance
Present Superintendent Mike Norris; Public Information Officer Roberta Thuman; and Town Clerk
 Carolyn Morris (all in person)

Welcome/Introductions – Dep Town Manager Andy Garman welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the Waste Reduction Task Force. Task Force Members as well as staff each introduced themselves.

Review of Task Force Charge

Mr. Garman summarized the Task Force charge as follows:

- Focus on waste reduction initiatives
- Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Rot
- Efforts to reduce waste stream or handle waste stream cost effectively
- Responsible disposal practices
- Education
- Community education
- Review of Town programs and services
- Recommendations to the Board on revised or new services – prior to the next year’s budget process

Mr. Bragg said that while it should be easy to educate, it is not being done by realtors, etc. He questioned how education can work with recycling when it doesn’t work with curbside trash pick-up. Mr. Garman explained that at this point he wanted to review the actual charge with members.

Review of Nags Head’s Solid Waste and Materials Management Programs and Services

The presentation slides are attached to and made a part of these minutes as found in **Addendum “A”**.

Ms. Bakus asked for recycling benchmark/comparison data with other similarly-sized towns; Mr. Garman said he would look into this and provide at the next Task Force meeting.

Some highlighted slides include:

- Residential Routes
- 4300 Single Family curbside units

- 154 units in Village collected with dumpsters
- Three summer routes, two winter routes

(Mr. Garman noted that the routes would most likely be discussed by the Board again this year)

- Recycling drop off sites – Town Hall and Public Works
- Curbside recycling – suspended
- Commercial routes
- Side load and Front load dumpster trucks
- 239 total stops with the summer and winter schedule

For easy access, Mr. Garman said that a web page under *Town Boards and Committees* on the Town's web site would be prepared for the Task Force to include the presentation and backup material from today and upcoming meetings.

Member Discussion

Task Force members agreed that it would be helpful to see what other similar-sized localities are doing re: recycling.

Mr. Bragg said that he is in favor of recycling as long as it is cost-effective; he asked that a cost-benefit analysis be prepared.

Ms. Bakus noted that discussions should include reducing on the commercial side. Mr. Garman said that it may be beneficial to bring in some people that specialize in certain recycle technology to speak to the Task Force.

Ms. Fish emphasized that education is needed for a successful recycling program and will need to be addressed.

Ms. Daisy feels that a well-rounded program is needed – she questioned when the landfills are full, where are the materials sent? She also agreed that education is a huge factor for success and emphasized the importance of reaching out to children.

Interim Town Manager Sparks stated that staff will follow up on the information requested and he stressed the importance of having an open mind when working through these issues.

Meeting Schedule

Mr. Garman is to send out a poll to Task Force members for the best date/time for the next meeting.

Mr. Netsch asked that action items from today's meeting be established/distributed prior to the next meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m.