

**NH Solid Waste Working Group  
Recycling & Composting Subcommittee  
June 24, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

**Duration:** 9:05 AM to 10:25 AM

**Attendees:** Reagan Bissonette (NRRRA), Adam Clark (City of Concord), Ben Piche (Coca-Cola Northeast), Brian Patnoe (Town of Lancaster, remote), Lynn Rubinstein (NERC, remote)

**Waste Characterization & Generation Studies:**

- Discussed some studies provided by other states as examples
- Still recommend both waste characterization study (what is disposed of in NH, which includes out of state waste) and waste generation study (what is generated in NH)
- NEWMOA waste disposal data for Northeast could be valuable resource

**Funding for Solid Waste Planning:**

- Brian previously came up with a proposal for this in 2019
- \$9 per ton surcharge on all waste being landfilled or incinerated in NH for five years, with possible adjustment after five years
- To admin: 50 cents per ton first year, 25 cents after; DES \$1; Schools grant \$1; business grant \$1; waste reduction company grant \$1; reminder to NH municipalities
- \$ to towns based on population (not tonnage) – that way most towns were getting back more money than they contributed; also grants available to businesses
- \$7.92 per person
- **Brian shared presentation with Reagan, who will send to group to reference**

**Solid Waste Bans:**

- Reviewed NERC solid waste disposal bans report
- MA: bans metal (including aluminum), C&D ban (can send wood for incineration) - how is this even possible with infrastructure limitations?)
- Waste bans among our neighbors are complicated to cover in our short time
- **Recommendation: to pass legislation to form a study committee to consider implementation solid waste bans, considering those of our neighbors and results from waste characterization study**

**Bottle Redemption Legislation:**

- Container Recycling Institute has info about how bottle bills can work effectively
- Discussed Reloop's recommendations for the Northeast
- **Recommendation: to pass legislation to designate a study committee to consider implementation of bottle redemption legislation, considering models and results from other states with this legislation**

### **Extended Producer Responsibility:**

- MA may be implementing a product packaging EPR law soon; would be run by a third party and not by the State
- Most common EPR packaging laws that have passed to date in US had a study committee tasked with researching it further (study committee)
- **Recommendation: to pass legislation to designate a study committee to study EPR**

### **School Share Tables:**

- DHHS previously had regulations that made it harder for schools to have share tables; may have since changed in NH – Brian emailed Chris Beling at EPA to ask; didn't hear back

### **Reuse for Large Generators of Waste:**

- *Schools & Hospitals*: large generators of waste; ex. chairs thrown away in Lancaster by these; how could we incentivize reuse instead?
- IRN – The Reuse Network: works with generators of surplus, including schools and corporations <http://www.irnsurplus.com/index.html>
- NH Businesses for Social Responsibility – they may have ideas and be good venue to share this information about reuse options <https://www.nhbsr.org/>
- **Recommendation: research and share examples of reuse organizations like IRN – The Reuse Network**

### **Pay As You Throw:**

- Previously agreed to recommend for NHDES to promote through education
- VT requires statewide; we're not aware of other examples
- **Recommend legislation requiring all communities to implement PAYT** (would this also require all haulers accepting recyclables?)

Also discussed organization of overall solid waste management plan outline and need to ensure top priority items are clear in the plan.

Notes recorded by Reagan Bissonnette.