

Meeting Minutes – Recycling and Solid Waste Committee (RSWC) –

3/10/2026

Attendees – Mary Glavin (Chair), Meryl Mandell (Coordinator), Gail Fleischaker, Tim Logan, Peg Ross, Barbara Bigelow

RSWC Members absent: Steve Rice, Marla Killough, Eduardo Reyes

The meeting was called to order at 7:07pm.

1. Prior Meeting Minutes - 1/12/2026 RSWC meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

2. Current Items

- A. Upcoming 2026 Trash Bag Distribution** - This year all distribution days will include two volunteers. The signup sheet has been posted and there appears to be no problems with dual coverage.
- B. Update on snow / ice pick up days** – Meryl reports no major concerns for pickup on difficult weather days and Casella has been great.
- C. Recycle Bin Damage question** – Whether or not the Town should replace bins damaged during pickup was discussed. All present voted in favor of continuing the existing practice of NOT paying for and replacing damaged bins.
- D. Update on Annual Battery Recycling Pickup** – NLR's annual pickup of all batteries occurred 3 weeks ago.
- E. Solid Waste Contract Updates – Contract Extension Status** – Mary, Meryl, and Gail joined together as a subcommittee to focus on the current contract extension and future RFP contract bids. Meryl received a document from Casella to extend the current contract to June 30, 2028, and changed the fee increase from 5% to 4%. Casella appeared to not be concerned. Casella has indicated that they will likely stop picking up bags and begin using 35-gallon carts (one per household) which can be mechanically picked up by their newer automated trucks. As this would represent a very substantial change for the Town, Mary prepared an on-line Google survey to help determine what residents' concerns and preferences may be. A link to the survey will be placed on the Town website and a QR code to access the link will be available. Info will also be attached to the Town newsletter. Hardcopies can be dropped off at the Town Hall. Mary would prefer to see the survey results returned by May 20th.
- F. Tonnage Reports** – Mary would like the tonnage reports (received every 6 months) added to both the minutes and the website.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

- *Notes submitted by Tim Logan*