

Rep Ebel/Rep Murray in attendance - no quorum currently.

Rep Ebel goes through a list of findings and questions to think about regarding topics related to recycling and solid waste.

Rep. O'Connor Joins at 10:09am - a quorum is now met.

Ebel begins discussions on findings within Committee.

DAS is thinking about how the state's recycling and procurement programs within the State. That opportunity to delve deeper hasn't really been available. Pending receipt from DAS.

Seeks to talk about plastics a bit more generally.

Packaging/Marketing and the interconnectedness of plastics and how that ties into education and coordination regarding source reduction - once it's generated - extended producer responsibility.

Supports the hierarchy of state statutes (Reverse pyramid)

John O'Connor Waste to Energy - will that be addressed?

Ebel - I think that is in the waste disposal hierarchy

Senator David Watters joins at 10:20 am - all members present.

Watters in re: developing a recommendation PGA encourage the standards as developed by DOT be necessary - to do a pilot program.

NEEDED finding - glass creates special issues, ie - it's heavy, it breaks up, it does have the ability to be used and suitable for use in substrate underlayment and insulative

Reminds us of duties - findings on charges: marketing, challenges to municipalities recycling & SWM, Seeks to have more information for DAS

John O'Connor asks about DES 149:M

Finding - NH isn't up to speed with global market changes, as well as other constraints regarding SWM. NH hasn't been able to achieve the goals, do to funding constraints.

Recommendation - therefore 149:M needs to be addressed.

Watters: Asks about findings from plastics inre: Dart

Watters -- references Waste Dive finding and calls for \$500 million investment in circular

Finding: need to insure plastic packaging can become lighter and fully made from recycled materials as well as much more efficient and comprehensive abilities to be fully recyclable.

Ebel - Plastics are such a special thing that we pull out the plastics into a category of its own.

Vermont did a waste characterization study - and they may have looked at them by weight and volume?

Ebel asks about DES tracking waste by volume in N.H.

Stonyfield made decisions based on plastics and greenhouse gas offsets.

John O'Connor - AM Chem. council - seeks to have integrity in plastics as well as

Ebel - notes huge percentages of plastics are not recycled and in that regard we have to recognize that that is complicating recycling.

Municipalities are struggling with space - to house the copious amounts of recycling to be able to do so.

Composting - findings- a very large interest - 25% of the weight comes from food waste - which creates methane, and from a landfill standpoint.

Finding is that Other states have instituted waste bans and to prevent items going into landfills and contributing to volume.,

Senator Watters - would rather use a term to that are specific would rather not use the word "waste ban" but rather use a word similar to "recycling requirement"

Finding NH should develop techniques including those developed other states - waste bans, pay as you throw, limiting materials into the landfills.

Watters: Mike where are we at for a 10 year plan?

Nork: we had planned to develop things internally and then released them for public input/comment.

Watters suggests a recommendations: to put something in for a NH DES for a 10 year plan - and specific legislation for a 10 year waste plan etc. Plan "shall include ..." References a plan as developed by the State of Connecticut.

Trends in NH and Trends Regionally out of Biennial Plan from N.H. DES - created by Nork at DES.

Ebel - is concerned about the lack of funding as a mechanism for DES to do their jobs appropriately and make these findings and that as a state we can do some of these waste diversion methods.

Mike Nork for the record wants to clarify that he is one of two people for permitting and while addressing those things is juggling policy.

Mike Nork - air, water, waste division (mike is in the solid waste management bureau - permitting and compliance) -

Ebel - are there sections that exist but are not staffed.

Mike Nork - says there were subdivisions once, but have since been disbanded.

Ebel: Food Waste findings and how it relates to composting - we need more about this about findings.

Watters - roadblocks to school food waste roadblocks - municipal rules and regs, or state things that inhibit the ability to compost meat and dairy.

Ebel - better use of food waste of getting foods that are viable for donation to feed hungry people.

Ebel - Develop - food waste - composting - diversion - hierarchy of more food to more people - DHHS felt that some of the limitations of getting food to hungry people.

Watters - inre: Hospital Medical Waste - substantial amount of hospital waste and laudable Dartmouth Hitchcock is doing this - potentially have a requirement for hospitals to have a waste diversion plan outlined and submitted to DHHS.

Ebel - doesn't sound like there is a lot of activity on legislation regarding plastics at the federal level and therefore some policy is limiting and outdated tying the hands of folks at NH DHHS to adjust to the need for changing things at the state level due to federal constraints.

Findings: NH needs to analyze the findings more closely to be a leader in that regard.

Potential Recommendations:

1. "Recycling and Waste Reduction Surcharge" how it is structured and used and applied.  
Out of state & instate (Sen. Watters may develop some legislation on the Senate side to potentially address it) -
2. Chair Ebel - asks that we be very clear about what "body" would be responsible for allocating the money.
  - a. Waste Management Council - RSA: Section 21-O:9 Paragraph IV -
  - b. Waste Management Council - Advisory under Mike Wimsast
3. Potentially establish a Commission - to have a development and implementation of
4. Watters suggests maybe within RSA Section 21-0:9 - that there be a separate committee
5. "Surcharge" Fund needs to be set up and say how the money is spent  
Suggestion is that perhaps Waste Management Councils is struggling to fulfill it's advisory role.

Next draft to flesh out more of the findings and recommendations and to work with Joel, would like language in the bill to thank DES, NRRA, and cross checking attendees with a total amount.

Check with Senator Watters and ideas on PPP

Mike Nork - would like to consider the terminology as a "Disposal Ban" when talking about limiting items into landfilling especially w/respect to food waste.

Nork corrects the record in re: (10 yr plan) -- current plan is 6yr plan but maybe it should be bumped to a 10 year... 149: M(2) - would like some more direction and clarity because the legislative language currently is vague.

Oct 1 -1998 every six year of every odd number year - level of achievement on the 40% (M(2)) - waste diversion to waste

Next Meetings:

Monday Oct. 28th 1pm

Wed Oct. 30th 10,

Oct. 31st 10am

