

Trash Talk - Subcommittee Meeting  
4/16/2026 at Brew 9:05 am

Present were Gabbie Kelly, Michelle Siudut, Jim Hajjar, Liz Faria, George Koch, Bob Magnusson.

Kelly reviewed tasks from our March 26 2026 meeting. Kelly stated that landfill space is limited; our current disposal contract ends 2030, with the possibility to extend to 2035 *if space is still available*. The big question is: what happens after that?

Manual vs Automated: It costs approx \$50K to stay manual for a year, under our current contract.

Kelly reviewed the presentation she gave to Selectmen on Tuesday night.

- Three potential scenarios of change
- Town survey. Gabbie will modify a couple of questions on survey and send to team.

Compost Options - Siudut reached out to two compost companies; will provide an update at the next meeting.

Our biggest challenge will be engaging/educating residents. There are two upcoming events where we can start this process: Brentwood Gathering on Apr 17 at the Barn at Crawley Falls and Town Cleanup Day on Apr 25 at the Rec. Kelly/Siudut will work on displays.

- Poster showing the cost of trash/recycling in Brentwood
- Poster showing what is in a trash bag
- An interactive poster showing options to change our trash disposal, with people selecting ideas they would support
- A "What else can I do with my...." sheet, ie where to take metals, yard waste, clothing, electronics, etc. (Oil back to where you bought it, Walmart, O'Reillys / textiles to MSPCA / clothing drop boxes)
- Examples of an undersink compost container and a DIY compost bin, PAYT bag (cost varies from town to town up to 2.50 ea)

Magnusson said Brentwood was permitted for a transfer station years ago. Jeff Collins is the only person certified. The town has not filed a report for 2025. Magnusson will offer to review the report information and file on behalf of town.

Magnusson said NH Recycle (we are a member) has multiple resources available (mostly for municipalities). DES also has resources mostly online, but may have grant monies available in the future.

Curbside Collection potential options: WasteManagement, Casella, ELM, Republic

Next Steps:

- Understand the viability of getting out of our current contract. Hajjar will pursue legal restraints/allowances of contract.
- Develop specifics of an RFI or RFP. We should look at a la carte options, including information on leasing v purchasing bins. Kelly & Hajjar will work on developing an RFP with specific language. We should include bulky items.
- Koch will develop a spreadsheet to compare data from other towns. Faria provided data from Kingston and Fremont; Koch had data from Kensington.
- Koch will request actual invoices (from town) and contamination rates (from Casella).
- Koch will find out how many bulky stickers are purchased.
- Determine where our “recycled” items go.
- For towns that went to PAYT - WHAT decreased/ how did it decrease?
- Consider organizing a Town Yard Sale / Give away Day. Potentially have Savers pick up leftovers next day.

Magnusson suggested visiting transfer stations in Epping, Exeter, Newton, Lee. Magnusson will find POCs and how to schedule visits on Th/Fr mornings.

Next meeting: Friday, May 15 at 9-11 am.