

RECYCLING POLICY

TOWN OF BROOKLINE

Article 1. Authority. Under the authority granted in 24 V.S.A. § 2203b which states, in part: ...“(a) Whether or not a municipality provides for the operation and maintenance of a recycling center or intermediate processing facility pursuant to section 2203a of this title, the municipality may establish requirements for the management of such a center or facility” ..., the Selectboard of Brookline hereby adopts the following policy:

Article 2. Purpose. The purpose of this policy is to ensure that the residents, taxpayers and renters of the Town of Brookline are provided recycling capabilities as voted on at the 2017 Town Meeting. The Town of Brookline has commissioned two large recycling containers (bins) for this purpose. To help identify the vehicles of Brookline residents, taxpayers will be provided with a Brookline Recycling Permit to be displayed on the vehicle. It is also the intent of this policy to ensure that all decisions made by municipal officials are based on the best interest of the public community at large.

Article 3. Definitions. For the purposes of this policy, the following definitions shall apply:

A. Recycling Containers (Bins)

1. Two large recycling bins located at the corner of Grassy Brook and Hill Roads for the purpose of depositing recyclable material .

B. Brookline Recycling Permit

1. A Recycling Permit to identify the Brookline residents/taxpayers/renters to be displayed on the vehicle.

C. Emergency means an imminent threat or peril to the public health, safety or welfare.

D. Municipal body means any board, council, commission or committee of the municipality.

E. Municipality means the Town of Brookline, 734 Grassy Brook Road, Brookline, VT 05345

F. Public community means an interest of the community as a whole, conferred generally upon all residents, property owners and renters of the municipality.

G. Public official means a person elected or appointed to perform executive, administrative, legislative or quasi-judicial functions for the municipality.

H. Littering – Throwing, depositing, burning or dumping refuse of whatever nature in or on lands or waters of the State outside a solid waste management facility certified by the Agency of Natural Resources.

Article 4. Eligibility.

- A. Recycling bins are for the use of Brookline residents, taxpayers and renters only.

Article 5. Recycling Bin Procedure.

1. Two Recycling bins to be used by Brookline Residents/Taxpayers/Renters for the purpose of recycling all accepted materials.
2. Contracted with a private vendor to remove materials.
3. All boxes and cardboard items should be broken down and flattened so the materials in the bin are as condensed as possible.
4. Residents/Taxpayers/Renters are required to have a Brookline Recycling Permit that may be obtained at the Town Office.
5. Residents are asked to identify any individuals that are using the recycling bins that are not residents of Brookline.
6. Residents are also asked to identify any individuals that are dumping trash at the recycling bins or littering in other locations in town, as this is a state violation.

Article 6. Littering. A person shall not throw, dump or deposit, cause or permit to be thrown, dumped or deposited any solid waste as defined in 10 V.S.A. § 6602 at the recycling site or other areas in town. This could constitute a civil violation as defined in 24 V.S.A. § 2201(b).

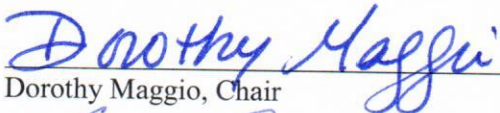
Article 7. Disclosure. If a taxpayer or Brookline resident encounters someone using the bins who does not have a Brookline Recycling Permit on their vehicle or are dumping trash at the site or other areas around town, identify the vehicle (license plate number, description, cell phone photo) and inform the Town Clerk and/or the Selectboard.

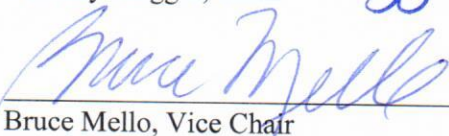
Article 8. Enforcement. The municipality may take progressive action to contact the person(s) who are not residents or taxpayers and are using the recycling facility. The Town at its discretion may issue a municipal ticket and/or assess a fine of \$100.00 for the first infraction and up to \$500.00 for each thereafter.

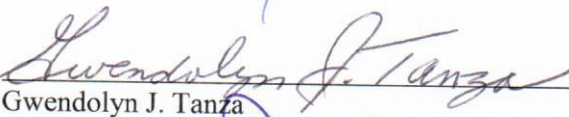
Article 9. Exception. The use of said recycling bins may be used by individuals other than residents/taxpayers if the legislative body of the municipality determines that special circumstances exist.

Article 10. Effective Date. This policy shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the Brookline Selectboard.

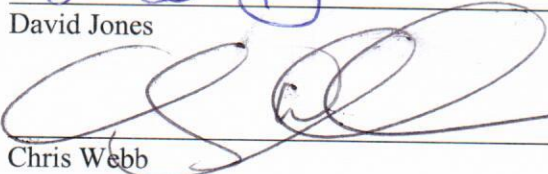
Adopted by the Selectboard, Town of Brookline at its meeting held on the 1st day of November, 2017.


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