

SOLID WASTE / RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Meeting minutes for July 21, 2020

Present: Jim Tessier, Donald Webber, Corinne Carignan, Bud Moynahan, Pam Mondschein, Steve Robinson (Public Works Director)

Meeting opened at 6:02 p.m.

1. Reviewed and approved January 21, 2020 minutes. Moved by Corinne, second by Donald. Approved: 5 – 0.
2. Public Comment – no non-committee members present
3. Review Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Policy: For the third time in just over a year, the Town Manager (TM) is proposing a change to Town policy concerning HHW. At the June 25, 2020 Select Board (SB) meeting, the TM proposed that residents be allowed to drop off HHW during HHW collection events at no cost. He asked SWRC to review this proposed change and report back to the SM.

Decisions:

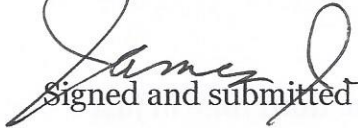
- a. Resubmit the March 22, 2019 memo to the Eliot Select Board regarding the proposed policy change concerning collection of HHW with the added information that the SWRC members nor the Public Works Director have received any complaints regarding the costs nor have they heard of any illegal dumping of hazardous waste. As a result, the Committee again recommends no change to the current HHW policy. “Moved by Bud, second by Corinne. Approved 5-0.
 - b. Steve Robinson stated that he will:
 - i. Investigate the costs of changing one of the biannual HHW collections to a Saturday instead of having both collection days on Wednesdays.
 - ii. Continue to investigate the HHW collection company’s definition of “unit”, which is a basis for costs.
4. Collection of recyclable materials at the Transfer Station:
 - a. Because of concerns due to COVID-19, procedures for collection of recyclable materials were significantly revised during the months of April, May, and June.
 - b. Steve reported that:
 - i. It is much more cost effective to return to recycling practices used before the pandemic
 - ii. Revenues from recycling are back up and that he will restart the 3-7 plastics collections, even though the company is just burying them. The town will just pay the transportation costs.
 5. Possible update to Transfer Station page of Town website:
 - a. Corinne and Donald spoke with the Transfer Station employees and determined that no change in signage is needed at this time.
 - b. The aerial photo of the Transfer Station & Recycling Center needed updates. Once updates are completed, it will be submitted to be included

on the opening page of the Transfer Station page and the SWRC page.
Copies will also be made available to be given when new permits are given
for use of the Transfer Station.

6. Next meeting: October 20, 2020 at 6 p.m.

7. Motion to adjourn – moved by Bud, second by Donald. Approved 5 – 0.
Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Minutes reviewed and approved at Oct 20, 2020 meeting.

 Signed and submitted 