

SOLID WASTE / RECYCLING COMMITTEE  
Meeting minutes for July 20, 2021

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

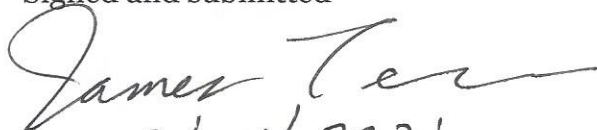
Meeting opened at 5:05 p.m.

1. Reviewed and approved March 16, 2021 minutes. Moved by Corinne, second by Donald. Approved: 4 – 0.
2. Public Comment – no non-committee members present
3. Review/discuss/update:
  - a. Changes to Transfer Station:
    - i. The employee's position, who sold bags, was not funded in current Town budget.
    - ii. Unclear what impact the state law banning single use bags will have on the Transfer Station
    - iii. State inspection tomorrow of the yard waste compost pile.
  - b. Pay-to-throw program:
    - i. No large bags available now for sale, but are waiting for the order from a Maine company
  - c. Food waste collection program:
    - i. Jim called Mr. Fox composting regarding touring of their facility, but he has not had a response yet.
  - d. Hazardous Waste Day:
    - i. The collection went well and had no complaints
    - ii. 82 units collected
    - iii. Of the annual budget of \$9,000, this collection came in around \$3,300
    - iv. The next day is planned for mid-October
4. Discussion – update to SWRC and Transfer Station portion of Town website
  - a. Steve will get last year's revenues from selling recycling materials to be displayed at the top of the Transfer Station website.
  - b. Include that we get paid for all recycled materials except crushed glass. Note: Currently there is no market for sale of Misc. Paper and 3-7 Plastics, thus no revenue. This condition is expected to be temporary as recycling markets continue to improve.
5. Discuss current commodity prices including NRRA and recent Price Guide:
  - a. The revenues for all recycled materials are increasing.
  - b. Eliot has a great reputation with companies taking recyclables as Eliot is known for clean recyclables

6. Review Transfer Station handouts:
  - a. The handouts have a map of the Transfer Station showing where to go for the various recyclable locations
  - b. Steve will investigate display options at the Transfer Station for the handouts
7. SWRC Officer Elections
  - a. Jim is retiring from the committee, but will stay on for another quarter if necessary
  - b. The Transfer Station is operating smoothly now
  - c. The Committee will recommend to the Select Board to disband the Solid Waste Recycling Committee  
The Public Works Director agrees with disbandment of the Committee. In the future, if he wants additional input related to a solid waste or recycling issue, he could request Select Board formation of an ad hoc committee.
8. Next meeting: October 19, 2021 at 5 p.m. (only if disbandment not approved)
9. Motion to adjourn – moved by Donald, seconded by Corinne. Approved 4 – 0.  
Meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Final Minutes reviewed and approved 5 – 0 by phone conversation with each individual Committee member.

Signed and submitted

  
9/14/2021

*Note: The Select Board approved disbanding of the SWRC. Disbandment date Oct. 15, 2021*