

**SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**MINUTES**  
**January 13, 2021**  
**5:00 p.m., Town Hall & Electronic by teleconference**

**PRESENT:** William "Skip" Sullivan, Chairman  
David Hartnett  
Frank Healey  
Mark Longstaffe  
Tom McGuirk  
Paul Morin  
Norman Silberdick  
Jerry Znoj

**ABSENT:** Julie Glover  
David Morrison  
Ute Pineo

**I. Call to Order**

Mr. William Sullivan, Chairman, called the meeting to order and welcomed the Committee members. He provided instructions on how the public could join the meeting electronically. A roll call of members was taken with each member stating whether they were attending in person or electronically and, if electronically, who was with them.

**II. Salute to the Flag**

**III. Public Comment**

Public comment was made applauding the good job done by the DPW and the Hampton tax payers in keeping Hampton Beach clean. He believes this is due in part to the fact that there are covers on the trash carts which keeps the seagulls out. It was recommended that the Committee review the trash and recycling operations in Salisbury, NH and Newburyport, MA. Salisbury has a recycling drop off area that may be something for Hampton to consider. He requested that the Committee look into asking the State Parks to have one of their meetings in the Board of Selectmen's room so that the public could ask questions.

**IV. Minutes**

A **MOTION** was made to approve the minutes of the December 2 and December 16, 2020 minutes with the following revisions: In section II, the spelling of the word "Salute" is to be corrected in both minutes. In the December 2 minutes, section VII, Warrant Article for DPW Trucks, is amended to include the following: "This motion was passed with the assumption that the Town does not undertake a cut in the current trash/recycling pickup service."

**MOTION**

**PASSED**

Moved by Mr. Jerry Znoj  
Seconded by Mr. Norman Silberdick  
Vote 8-0

**V. Department of Public Works (DPW) Budget and Operations**

Mr. Chris Jacobs, DPW Director and Ms. Jennifer Hale, Deputy Director answered questions regarding the Department's budget and operations. The DPW's 2021 budget has been approved

by the Budget Committee and will be presented at the Public Hearing. Mr. Jacobs stated that the Department is at capacity in regard to resources. Department wide there is little room for extra work without negatively impacting the level of service to the Town. A discussion pursued regarding mutual aid between New Hampshire's towns. Mutual aid does not work in regard to trash collection and snow removal. Mr. Jacobs stated that the two new trucks in the 2021 budget are being requested in order to bring the fleet back to the required six trucks and to add one truck to handle the increase in properties serviced and the number of carts collected.

**VI. Weighing Sensors for Collection Trucks**

Ms. Hale gave the Committee a document responding to their questions about weighing sensors for collection trucks. There are two types of sensors and neither one of them are for weighing individual carts. The sensors were created to determine the weight of the truck not the individual carts. Based on her research the technology does not exist to easily weigh individual carts and the cost for current sensors may be cost prohibitive. Mr. Jacobs discussed what is currently tracked and recommended that the Committee determine what the purpose of weighing the carts is and evaluate the benefits of doing so. He advised the Committee to consider a cost benefit analysis in regard to purchasing weight sensors.

**VII. Recycling Glass and Cardboard**

The Committee discussed the benefits of separating glass from the recycling stream. Ms. Hale reviewed the programs offered by the NRRA that would reduce the Town's disposal fee from \$125 per ton to between \$25 and \$35 per ton. The NRRA has two programs, one where they collect only glass and one that is a mix of glass and ceramics. Ms. Hale suggested that the Committee could recommend that the Town create glass drop off areas both at the Transfer Station and at a Town owned location near the beach. State Statute requires that the collection container be Town owned, have a cover, be no larger than 100 cubic feet and that the Town transport the container. The Committee discussed separating glass and cardboard, as well as, what options might be available in the future for segregating recycling items to reduce costs and generate an income stream. A **MOTION** was made to recommend to the DPW and the Board of Selectmen that containers be located both at the Transfer Station and at a Town owned location at the beach for the collection of glass and cardboard using whatever financial means the Board of Selectmen decides is appropriate.

**MOTION PASSED**

Moved by Mr. Paul Morin

Seconded by Mr. Frank Healey

Vote: 8-0

**VIII. Clothing Recycling**

Simply Recycling in Woburn, MA is a company that collects clothing. They provide bags for collection. Ms. Hale stated that they pay \$100 per ton for the clothing collected. The company is not currently offering individual curbside pickup in Hampton but they would pick up in bulk from the Transfer Station. Ms. Hale said that there would need to be a storage area for the clothing bags at the Transfer Station. Mr. Jacobs and Ms. Hale were asked to evaluate what would be needed in order to implement the collection of clothing and to report back to the Committee.

**IX. Other Business**

A request was made that the Committee discuss the stickers for the Transfer Station at the next meeting. Also, Chairman Sullivan stated that, although Mr. David Morrison was not in attendance, he had provided written comments for the Chairman in regard to the meeting.

**X. Adjournment**

At 6:15 p.m. the Committee adjourned on the **MOTION** of Paul Morin. The **MOTION** was unanimously approved.