

SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
March 11, 2021
7:00 p.m., Town Hall & electronic by teleconference

PRESENT: William "Skip" Sullivan, Chairman
Mark Longstaffe
Tom McGuirk
Paul Morin
David Morrison
Ute Pineo
Norman Silberdick
Jerry Znoj

ABSENT: David Hartnett
Frank Healey

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, where they were and who was with them.

II. Salute to the Flag

III. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

IV. Minutes

A **MOTION** was made to approve the minutes of January 13, 2021 meeting.

MOTION PASSED

Moved by Mr. Paul Moran

Seconded by Ms. Ute Pineo

Vote 8-0

V. Education Sub Committee Report

Mr. Jerry Znoj updated the Committee on education initiatives. He discussed the potential benefits of removing food from the waste stream. Based on a report from the EPA he stated that, on average nationally, 22% of trash weight is from food. Removing a significant amount of food waste through composting could potentially create a significant cost savings for the Town. Amy Hanson from SAU 90 spoke to the Committee about producing public service announcements for the Committee using the resources in the school system and agreed to work with the Education Sub Committee to implement educational initiatives.

VI. Old Business: Cardboard and Glass Recycling

Mr. Chris Jacobs, DPW Director, wrote the Committee a memo updating them on the progress of creating a cardboard and glass recycling drop off station. The Police and Fire Departments have approved the use of the Church Street Pump Station for cardboard and glass recycling. He

checked with the Town's insurer and found that no insurance issues need to be addressed in regard to the proposed set up. Mr. Jacobs is waiting to receive cost quotes for containers and once that is done a proposal can be given to the Board of Selectmen for moving forward with the new recycling location. The Committee discussed the importance of tracking the weight of the glass and cardboard that is collected at the new site.

VII. New Business: Food Waste, Measuring Trash Weight, Transfer Station Stickers

The Committee had general discussions about the following issues that will be followed up on at future meetings.

The Committee discussed the need for the timely removal of food waste should it be separated from the general trash collection, as well as, the need to increase the amount of food waste that is allowed to be brought to the Transfer Station.

The Committee considered doing an audit to measure the weight of trash and recycling carts in order to do a detailed analysis of the Town's disposal costs.

The Committee discussed who is allowed to receive a sticker to use the Transfer Station and the need to review how this is being handled.

The Committee discussed enforcement options for those who exceed the cart weight limits and contaminate recycling.

VIII. Adjournment

At 8:05 p.m. the Committee adjourned on the **MOTION** of Paul Morin and seconded by Ms. Ute Pineo. The **MOTION** was unanimously approved.