

**SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
October 10, 2019
6:00 P.M., TOWN OFFICE**

PRESENT: Jamie Sullivan, Moderator
Mary Broderick
Jake Fleming
Julie Glover
David Hartnett
Frank Healey
Mark Longstaffe
Tom McQuirk
Helen McIntyre
Paul Morin
David Morrison
Ute Pineo
William Sullivan
Alicia Xanthopoulos

ABSENT: Norm Silberdick

SOLUTE TO THE FLAG

I. Call to order

Deputy Town Manager, Mr. Jamie Sullivan, called the meeting to order and welcomed the Committee members.

II. Public comment

Chuck Rage requested that the Committee make decisions in phases and at a slow steady pace because there are many issues to consider and many residents could be effected by whatever the Committee recommends.

III. Introduction of members

Committee members introduced themselves.

IV. Minutes

A **MOTION** was made to approve the minutes of the September 30, 2019 meeting.

MOTION PASSED

Moved by Mr. Paul Morin

Second by Mr. David Morrison

Vote 12-1 abstain

V. Discussion of Private Roads

Attorney Mark Gearreald provided the Committee with a legal opinion regarding private roads. The memo indicated that the Town is allowed to go on private roads but not on private property. Mr. Jamie Sullivan, Deputy Town Manager, stated that the Town would need to do a liability risk assessment to address the issues caused by private roads.

VI. Presentation from Jennifer Hale, DPW Deputy Director

Ms. Hale reviewed the Department of Public Work's (DPW) collection operations on private roads. She discussed the many issues faced by the DPW while collecting trash and recycling on private roads. Some of the roads are narrow and the trucks have to back down them in order to collect the trash and recycling. Ms. Hale discussed the DPW's current equipment and staffing level versus what is needed in the future. The group discussed warrant articles for creating a special revenue fund and a revolving fund for trash and recycling. Ms. Hale also spoke about the cost of purchasing and leasing collection trucks.

VII. Committee Discussion

The Committee considered potential recommendations for the Board of Selectmen. Some issues discussed were collection service for condominiums, the services of Mr. Fox for composting, and the allocation of budget funds for the DPW. The Committee reviewed the following recommendations being considered:

- A modified pay as you throw system for the business community
- Review collection routes and reduce number of weeks collected at the beach
- Condos that have been picked up will continue to be collected
- Parcels that have more than 5 units will not be collected
- Create an ongoing trash and recycling study committee
- Promote public education, diverting waste through composting, textiles and glass
- Warrant articles for funding DPW operations
- Supporting the DPW's need for additional staff and equipment
- Conduct a risk management assessment of private roads

VIII. Adjournment

At 7:41 p.m., the Committee adjourned on the **MOTION** of Mr. Paul Morin and was unanimously **SECONDED** by all Committee members.