

**SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**MINUTES**  
**October 27, 2020**  
**6:00 P.M. – Town Hall & Electronic by teleconference**

**PRESENT:** William “Skip” Sullivan, Chairman  
David Hartnett  
Frank Healey  
Mark Longstaffe  
Tom McGuirk  
Paul Morin  
David Morrison  
Ute Pineo  
Norm Silberdick  
Jerry Znoj  
Jamie Sullivan, Moderator

**ABSENT:** Julie Glover  
Mark Longstaffe

**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.

**II. Salute to the Flag**

**III. Public comment**

There were no public comments.

**IV. Introduction of members**

The Committee members introduced themselves and stated whether they were attending in person or electronically.

**V. Solid Waste Update**

Mr. Chris Jacobs, DPW Director and Ms. Jennifer Hale, DPW Deputy Director gave an update on solid waste issues and answered the Committee members’ questions.

The Recycling Revolving Fund authorized by a Warrant article in 2020 has been implemented. Ms. Hale stated that income and expenses from recycling are now being tracked and allocated to the Recycling Fund. GreenWorks, Inc. is the new recycling contractor. Mr. Jacobs and Ms. Hale discussed how recycling contamination fees are calculated and what rates are being charged. The group discussed many ideas regarding how to reduce costs, as well as, create income streams from recycled materials. The Committee discussed the processing of cardboard, glass, compost and carpeting with the intention of reducing tonnage and/or creating an income stream. The economic benefits, costs to implement, and environmental impacts were taken into consideration. Mr. Jacobs stated that over 16,000 carts have been distributed. The Committee discussed the Trash and Recycling Ordinance, the effects of Covid 19 and the evaluation of trash routes. A request was made for the draft Trash and Recycling Ordinance that was provided to the Board of Selectman last year.

The Committee considered creating an education subcommittee with the goal of reducing recycling contamination while encouraging the recycling of acceptable items. The subcommittee would be tasked with producing educational videos to be aired on Channel 22.

Ms. Hale summarized the Committees' discussion by stating goals for consideration such as: deciding what the Committee wants to achieve, determining how to reduce the cost of recycling and solid waste, how to be environmentally conscious, the implementation of equitable service between residential and commercial residents and evaluating the processing of commercial waste. Mr. Jacobs discussed the Public Works Department's need for additional employees and trucks in order to meet the service requirements of the Town.

**VI. Future business**

Chairman Sullivan asked that future requests for information from Committee members be sent to him so that they could be organized and brought to the appropriate parties in an efficient manner. The Committee requested that Mr. Mark Gearreald, Town Attorney, attend the next meeting.

**VII. Minutes**

A **MOTION** was made to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2020 meeting with the revision to section V in regard to the Town Ordinance Code of Ethics to replace the reference to 594-7 to 594-6.

**MOTION PASSED**

**Moved** by Mr. Paul Morin

**Second** by Ms. Ute Pineo

**Vote** 8-0

**VIII. Adjournment**

At 7:10 p.m., the Committee adjourned on the **MOTION** of Mr. Paul Morin and **SECONDED** by Mr. Jerry Znoj. The **Motion** was unanimously approved by all Committee members.

