

**SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
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Paul Muniz, Chairman
Dina McCarthy Bercury, Sustainability & Compliance Manager

**Solid Waste Management Commission
Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2021 5:30 PM
Zoom Meeting**

Present: Muniz, Brown, Rollo, Barbour. Attending: McCarthy-Bercury
Meeting Called to Order: 5:39 PM.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

February 10, 2021 Meeting and March 11, 2021 Special Meeting
Motion to Approve: Barbour; Second: Rollo; Vote: All in Favor

S&C Manager's Report

2021 Contract Extensions

Cardboard Recycling (Murphy Road Recycling, Inc.): Motion to exercise first year of contract extension by Rollo, second by Barbour, vote: all in favor. Motion passed.

Newspaper & Mixed Paper Recycling (Murphy Road Recycling, Inc.): Motion to exercise first year of contract extension by Barbour, second by Rollo, vote: all in favor. Motion passed.

Comingled Containers Recycling (Murphy Road Recycling, Inc.): Motion to exercise first year of contract extension by Rollo, second by Barbour, vote: all in favor. Motion passed.

Recycling Scrap Metal (Chase Waste): Chairman recommended delay to next month in order to add contract to tracking log

Curbside Collection of MSW and Recyclables (Hometown Waste, Inc.): Motion to exercise first year of contract extension by Barbour, second by Rollo. Discussion by commissioners recognized ongoing concerns regarding material segregation at curbside and effects on recycling material costs. Several residents of Brocketts Point Road expressed dissatisfaction with collection times, noise levels and truck practices on their street and in their neighborhood. S&C Manager will discuss with Hometown to determine if smaller truck can be used or if route time can be modified. Vote on motion to exercise first year of contract extension: all in favor. Motion passed.

MSW Hauling: Bid waiver to add 1 additional year to expired contract with Cherry Hill Construction to haul municipal solid waste to Preston, CT was reported to have been approved by Board of Selectmen.

Transfer Station Performance and Practices Update

Permanent cameras have been installed at the Transfer Station to allow documentation of loads delivered and loads removed, but system is not activated yet. Handheld camera photos are to be continued and logged until automated system is fully active.

Food Scrap Collection Pilot Program

S&C Manager reported pilot collection program with Blue Earth, Inc. to be initiated in Short Beach and to operate from June – November 2021. Subscription to be paid by Town.

Chairman's Report

Recycling program problem statement has been developed and shared with commissioners, S&C manager and First Selectman. SWMC to develop Request for Proposal to seek professional assistance in acquiring information necessary to evaluate what materials will be collected, how such materials will be collected, and what is expected to be done with collected materials. Information will be used to develop recycling plan for use in next ten-year period.

Other Business

None

Next Meeting: May 12, 2021, 530 pm by Zoom

Meeting Adjourned at 6:36