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MEETING Minutes

WEDNESDAY, June 9, 2021- 5:32 PM

- 1. Roll Call:** Present: Muniz, St. Thomas, Rollo, Barbour, Brown, McCarthy-Bercury
- 2. Approve Meeting Minutes:** 5/12/21 Minutes. Motion to Accept: St. Thomas, Second: Brown All in favor , Rollo Abstain
- 3. S & C Manager's Report**

2021-2022 Contract Status: All May 2021 contract recommendations were accepted by Board of Selectmen

Recycling Material Reimbursement (AAW): \$76,757 income YTD , \$64,500 from scrap metal, \$7,500 in cardboard, \$4,700 from electronics. Recycling Facility invoices continue to be received at incorrect unit costs for handling. Berlin facility receives bottles & cans, Bridgeport receives mixed paper no income for either stream has been received lately but some Berlin B&C invoices have been at the base rate, without single stream upcharges. This is an improvement.

Collection Performance Update: Reviewed 6/7/21 video of collection errors combining MSW and all recycling streams. Town is paying for a recycling route and an MSW route but on some days the curbside collection contractor is not providing both. SWMC wants load backcharges imposed for unsorted recyclable material collection and contractual fines for failure to provide collection of distinct streams, if necessary.

Transfer Station Performance and Practices Update : Cameras in operation, photos are being taken, Sweitzer loads are being inspected. This is an improvement.

Food Waste Pilot: Four "Blue Earth" containers have installed at transfer station for free resident use, can't use plastic bags; Transfer Station containers are being paid with Consulting surplus funds. Short Beach was selected by S&C office for a second pilot program with Blue Earth to demonstrate curbside food waste collection feasibility.

Milk Carton Recycling Pilot Program at one Elementary School: Program to be started for milk carton collection recycling at one elementary school. School waste can include as much as 15% of total school waste tonnage. School to be selected, funding basis to be developed.

"Earth Matters" flyer: needs to be published in July. Draft revision to be provided.

4. Chairman's Report –

Collection Practices Revision – Draft Scope of Work for RFP will be finalized and issued

5. Other Business –Resident Stewart Schenck, Brocketts Point Road reported neighbors continue to be dissatisfied with timing of collection. SWMC will request meeting with vendor to begin potential modification of route.

6. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn by Barbour second by St. Thomas 708pm

7. Next meeting: July 14, 2021