

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

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MEETING AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, December 9, 2020- 5:30 PM

Zoom Meeting

Mai Estepin
BRANFORD TOWN CLERK

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Called to Order at 5:32 PM

Present : Muniz, Rollo, Barbour, St. Thomas

Reviewed Zoom meeting ground rules

1.0 Approve Meeting Minutes: 9/9/20 & 10/21/20

Motion to approve St. Thomas, second Rollo all in favor.

2.0 S & C Manager's Report: Diana McCarthy-Bercury

2.1 All American Waste: Recyclable Material Invoice Status

Bercury reported invoices have been paid through July 2020. October, November charges have been 100% single stream rate. Other towns contamination limit before contamination penalty is 25% rather than Branford 5% penalty initiation. AAW has been notified of our intention to pay only charges based on proper documentation of intended penalty charges. Branford has notified AAW of that position in writing. First indication of recent penalty charges was provided by means of invoice.

2.2 Sweitzer/Hometown Waste: Collection Performance Update

2.2.1 Leaf Collection failures:

Sweitzer performance was negative for several weeks. Sweitzer performance affected by staff absences. Transfer station hours being adjusted later to help collector operate while understaffed.

2.2.2 Recycling Collection load mixtures:

Backcharges have been reported to Sweitzer, but the rate of backcharge is held until actual disputed category tonnage is known. Invoices will be short paid.

2.2.3 Proposed Route Modification Update:

Sweitzer performance has been inconsistent with schedule. Branford offered Sweitzer an opportunity to revise pickup schedules, but proposed revision hasn't been received. SWMC will consider any reasonable request. Days and times for routes will remain in "Earth Matters" flyer as currently scheduled and contracted, but flyer will add statement indicating "temporary modifications will be posted to website" if and when necessary.

2.3 Transfer Station Performance and Practices Update:

Transfer station staff has been obtaining 4 photos per delivered recycling load, and notifying recycler of characterization of rolloff to be picked up, or of need to backcharge curbside collector. If rolloff is contaminated by curbside load delivery, collector will be penalized for full rolloff load.

2.4 Earth Matters Flyer Publication

Final recycling material changes will be made within the next week

2.5 Holiday wrapping paper:

Recycling bags were delivered to Public Works, they will be distributed to schools, Town Hall, and Parks & Rec offices for resident pickup.

3.0 Chairman's Report

Collection Study will continue to acquire information on cost of curbside collection

4.0 Other Business

2021 Meeting Schedule : 2nd Wednesday of each month, 5:30 by Zoom default. 13 January, 10 February, 10 March, 14 April, 12 May, 9 June, 14 July, 11 Aug, 8 Sept, 13 Oct, 10 Nov, 8 December.

Motion to adjourn: Barbour, second by Rollo. Meeting adjourned 6:48 PM
Next meeting January 13, 2021.