

**Solid Waste Management Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday October 9, 2019  
Canoe Brook Senior Center**

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Present: Paul Muniz (Chairman), J. Brown, A. St.Thomas, J. Rollo

Meeting called to order at 7:53 PM.

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Motion to approve Meeting Minutes of August 14, 2019 meeting made by A. St. Thomas, seconded by J. Brown . Motion carried, minutes approved.

Commission members discussed future meeting procedures, Chairman made motion that members take written notes at each meeting, seconded by J.Rollo. Motion approved. This measure will save secretary costs which can be used to offset recent increased recycling disposal costs.

Commission sincerely thanks Leslie Cappezone for her years of service to the Solid Waste Management Commission.

**Chairman's Report**

1. One member pointed out that Indian Neck Avenue has been experiencing curbside Monday collection Sunday nights before 9PM, well before midnight, leading to missed pickups. Also Queach Road has been experiencing Wednesday collection Tuesday night before midnight.
2. Solid Waste Supervisor/Recycling Coordinator position remains unfilled. Chairman spoke with First Selectman, no interviews have taken place. Chairman to determine if any posting with qualifications/position description has been made. Commission promotes acquiring personnel resources to cover regulatory specialist requirements and staff oversight responsibilities.
3. Update on recycling contamination charges: Recycling destination has continued to assert that recycling streams are contaminated with solid waste. Documentation of that condition has not been provided. Updated invoices from recycling destination have not been accepted by the Town yet. Effort to inspect recycling loads at the Transfer station is understood, but not staffed, and not arranged at the Transfer Station, operating permit revision may be necessary.
4. Suggested notification to residents of recyclables contamination cost implications: should point out budget implications and first steps to determining if the recycling quality has in fact declined.
5. Commission requests a monthly updated checklist of solid waste compliance tasks from the First Selectman's office that the Town has completed

Next meeting November 13, 2019

Motion to adjourn, J. Rollo, seconded A. St. Thomas, meeting adjourned 8:58 pm.