

**Solid Waste Management Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday December 11, 2019
Canoe Brook Senior Center**

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

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Meeting called to order at 7:52 PM.

Motion to approve Meeting Minutes October 9, 2019 meeting made by A. St. Thomas, seconded by J. Brown . Motion carried, minutes approved.

Chairman's Report

1. Update on recycling contamination charges: Recycling destination asserts that all recycling loads are contaminated with solid waste, with no documentation provided back to Town. Documentation of that condition has not been provided by facility. Updated invoices from recycling destination have not been accepted by the Town yet. Town has provided photos of unacceptable recycling loads delivered by curbside collector and backcharged that contractor. Is the delivery contractor allowed to photograph loads at recycling destination? The % of unacceptable loads indicated by the town has not been compared to the claimed % by the recycling facility. SWMC requests that information. Total unpaid value (billed by recycler) should be reported to SWMC. Effort to inspect recycling loads at the Transfer station has been happening. Dumping loads on transfer station floor may require operating permit revision.
2. Press release regarding recycling improvements has not been issued.
3. Budget preparations: In order to approve budget at February meeting SWMC needs to be informed of MSW destination for next FY, contracted facility fee per ton, and associated trucking cost per ton for the year. Finance Department to provide draft for January meeting
4. Solid Waste Supervisor/Recycling Coordinator position remains unfilled. Chairman spoke with First Selectman, no job has been posted. Commission promotes acquiring personnel resources to cover regulatory specialist requirements.
5. Bay 5&6 tip floor repair/re-coating, using capital funds, is likely to take place in 2020, SWMC may need to approve use of capital budget.
6. SWMC to consider feasibility of Town self-performing some or all aspects of curbside collection in some upcoming fiscal year. In order to evaluate feasibility, SWMC to develop scope of work for Request for Proposal to conduct that feasibility study. Commission members to develop questions and topics to be included in the potential study for discussion at January 2020 meeting.
7. Commission repeats the request for a monthly updated checklist of solid waste compliance tasks from the First Selectman's office that the Town has completed
8. 2020 meeting schedule: January 8, February 12, March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10, July 8, August 12, September 9, October 14, November 11, December 9

Next meeting January 8, 2020 7:00 PM, likely at Community Center.

Motion to adjourn, J. Rollo, seconded A. St. Thomas, meeting adjourned 9:08 pm.