

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

MARCH 9, 2022

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: P Muniz, K Galambos, R Aitro, H Plunkett, J Rollo, J Cosgrove, J Brown

1. Chairman Muniz called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.
2. Collection Study Project Status:
 - a. Chairman Muniz and R Aitro had a video meeting with RRT on February 18, and Chairman Muniz, J Rollo, and First Selectman Cosgrove met with RRT on February 23 electronically. The documentation sent to the Commission by RRT in response to these meetings were emailed to the commissioners. Yesterday, March 8, a draft memo titled "Executive Summary of Solid Waste Management Project" was emailed to the Commission. Chairman Muniz stated that it contains a lot of useful information that is in line with nature of the RFP. The Commissioners will meet via Zoom in a Special Meeting to review the report on Wednesday, March 16, at 5:30 pm.
3. Chairman's Report:
 - a. As part of the arrangement with RRT, they will make a public presentation of the final report and answer questions. This has not been scheduled yet.
 - b. Future bid solicitation: Discussion on who would develop these, considering the information and recommendations made by RRT. Either the Town, RRT, or Chairman Muniz might write the bid offers. This is yet to be determined. The bid offers need to contain language that focuses on performance (both positive and negative)
4. Sustainability & Compliance Manager Status:
 - a. Diana McCarthy- Bercury will resume work part-time at the end of this week, and full-time in the office starting mid-April
5. 2021-2022 Contract Status:
 - a. We will be bidding soon on CSC and recycling.
 - b. First Selectman Cosgrove received a verbal agreement from Cherry Hill for a one-year extension on bulky waste haul & disposal, and MSW hauling.
6. Recycling Material Reimbursement/Costs (AAW):
 - a. Chairman Muniz noticed another charge from All American Waste for a load containing "moisture". Because this is not a category contained in the AAW contract, he contacted AAW. The moisture charge was removed and the load was charged at a higher rate. Fortunately these are not heavy loads and a better contract in the future will yield better results
7. Collection Performance Update
 - a. First Selectman Cosgrove reported that out of 8300 stops per week, only 7 misses were reported this week, 12 the week before. That does not include missing a street,

or delays. But a great deal of energy (emails etc.) is being generated. Town Employee Sharon Heslin is maintaining a shared spreadsheet to track issues.

- 8. Transfer Station Performance and Practices Update**
 - a. Longtime employee Montana has retired, so there are two Transfer Station Attendant positions open. The jobs were posted internally and externally and one offer has been made. Department of Public Works employees are covering the positions for now. Gary Zelinsky of Public Works is acting as supervisor of the Transfer Station.
- 9. Other Business:**
 - a. Commissioner A. St. Thomas intends to retire from the SWMC. Tom Brockett is interested in being appointed. Chairman Muniz voiced his support for Mr. Brockett to First Selectman Cosgrove.
 - b. K Galambos stated that a community member called attention to the fact that the plastic recycling containers break easily, especially when being thrown by the recycling collectors, causing plastic shards to be released that can enter drains and waterways. Chairman Muniz stated this issue has been noted in the past and will be taken into account as new containers are purchased by the Town.
- 10. Approval of Meeting Minutes:** K Galambos made a motion to approve the minutes of January 12 and February 15, 2022. The motion was seconded by R Aitro and passed unanimously.
- 11.** K Galambos moved to adjourn the meeting, R Aitro seconded the motion, and the commissioners voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 pm.
- 12. Next meetings:**
 - a. March 16 (Special Meeting)
 - b. April 13 (regular meeting)

Respectfully submitted,

K Galambos