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MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, November 10, 2021- 5:30 PM

Meeting called to order 5:34 PM via Zoom.

Roll Call: Present: Muniz, Brown, St.Thomas, Aitro, Rollo, Cosgrove, Plunkett

9/28/21 Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve: Aitro, second by St. Thomas, No discussion. All in favor.

S & C Manager's Report: Provided by First Selectman Cosgrove

Collection Performance Update: Individual address pickup skips continue to be a problem; leaf pick up has been delayed this week, collection contractor has had Covid staffing issues. Collector may contact transfer station to deliver later each day, or if delivery on Saturday is necessary. Trash containers around Town Center: are responsibility of collection contractor. Trash has been piling up on weekends, Parks & Rec does some Town Green pickup, that area may be a target for modification of respective responsibilities

Transfer Station Performance and Practices Update Transfer Station employees collective bargaining contract intended to go to RTM on November 29, 2021, will be joining Teamsters union.

Chairman's Report:

Recycling Material Study: Contract with RRT was implemented during final week of October, 2021. RRT is currently reviewing material recycling facility invoices for preceding two years and evaluating contamination charge frequency within each recyclable material category. RRT also has made two field visits to Branford; one to observe recyclable material curbside collection methods and handling practices, and a second to observe transfer station recyclable material delivery, sorting and quality. Recyclable material provided by residents has been observed to be well separated and high purity. RRT will provide a list of tasks that will be performed during the study for SWMC to review in order for information to best align with questions asked.

Other Business:

Cosgrove reported on meeting with BRRC and Sen. Cohen. BRRC is likely to see additional customers in future years. Wait times for deliveries are likely to increase at Bristol in future years, Town budget will likely need to reflect additional trucking costs even though Branford solid waste is primarily diverted to Preston. Town may assist in legislative proposal to address Covanta apparent prioritization of spot market customers over contracted municipal customers.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 6:18PM by St. Thomas, second by Aitro, all in favor

Next Meeting: December 8, 2021 5:30 by Zoom