

# SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

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## SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2017 - 7:45 PM CANOE BROOK SENIOR CENTER

**Present:** Chairman Muniz, M. Barbour, R. Lasky J. Rollo, A. St. Thomas and Solid Waste Supervisor D. McGowan

**Absent:** M. Ricozzi

- Chairman Muniz called the Meeting of the Solid Waste Management Commission to order at 7:50 p.m.
- A. St. Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of the SWMC held March 27, 2017. M. Barbour seconded. The motion carried. R. Lasky abstained.

### **Solid Waste Supervisor's Report:**

**Discussion of Collection Systems and Methods** - Supervisor McGowan addressed a report he had emailed to all commission members from the Eunomia Company, a consulting firm that reviews collection methods, etc., in an effort to optimize solid waste collection systems. A lengthy discussion took place involving "mixed/single stream" recycling methods and the general upfront start-up costs, i.e., new resident bins, verses benefits, with a focus on forecasted gains in recycling tonnage. Full automation, Supervisor McGowan added, has overall savings potential, but would however be difficult to fully implement on many of our streets. Chairman Muniz stated that since waste collection contracts are going to end in June 2018, requiring bidding on the contracts to start in November 2017, it is important to consider whether or not to call for hauling contractors to bid "both ways." Chairman Muniz stated is a twofold consideration. First, is to "look at crunching the numbers to see whether we want to pursue going out to bid both ways" and secondly, consider "does single stream MSW collection get us significantly closer in terms of our recycling goals."

R. Lasky suggested having the residents purchase their own trash bins compatible with single stream recycling pick-up vehicles as a way to offset some of the cost. Supervisor Muniz stated it would behoove the commission to utilize available funds to employ the expertise of a non-competing/impartial consulting company to look into the overall costs and scope of moving into single-stream recycling for the Town. He asked the members to come up with lists of scenarios, types of data, etc., needed to frame a RFP, with the expectation of finalizing a RFP by the next Solid Waste Management Commission meeting. Chairman Muniz also asked Supervisor McGowan for numbers for next year's budget cycle. In addition, he asked Supervisor McGowan to look into accessing an engineering firm that may have the resources to suggest a waste management specialist, without going out to bid, as it would be helpful in terms of defraying costs and streamlining the timeline. Supervisor McGowan expressed his desire to streamline the process in order to have a RFP "hit the streets" by June 2017, and he stated it is important to get a cost estimate in order to look to the First Selectman, who recommended retaining an engineering operation to assist in the project, to allocate the funds to cover that cost. Chairman Muniz asked Supervisor McGowan who at D.E.E.P. might have some knowledge of municipal recycling and data interpretation asked for their contact information. Supervisor McGowan replied with several names and confirmed he would supply the Chairman the information.

Supervisor McGowan reported the *Thimble Island Collection* contract was signed and bonded; also, he reported, the contractor started last Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017. He noted Tilcon Connecticut, Inc., last year, had asked for certificates of insurance be supplied to them for all contractors utilizing dumpsters on Tilcon Connecticut, Inc. property. This year, he reported, they have asked for a "Hold Harmless" contract as well. He reported HazWaste will be open this coming weekend and the *Bulky Waste* contract was awarded to Cherry Hill Construction. He reported the brush has been chipped with a lot of mulch available to residents. Supervisor McGowan noted the summer annual flyer is coming up and he asked commissioners for their comments, input etc. regarding such.

**Chairman's Report** – Chairman Muniz noted that the *Curbside Collection* contract will need to be ready to go out to bid by November 2017.

Chairman Muniz stated the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Solid Waste Management Commission will be Wednesday, June 14, 2017. J. Rollo made a motion to adjourn. A. St Thomas seconded. Chairman Muniz adjourned the meeting at 9:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie J. Capezzone, Secretary