

# SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

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## SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 2018 - 7:45 PM CANOE BROOK SENIOR CENTER NOT APPROVED

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

**Guest:** Kristen Brown

Chairman Muniz called the meeting of the Solid Waste Management Commission to order at 7:51 p.m. Chairman Muniz asked if there were any comments or motions regarding the minutes of the Special Meeting Minutes for March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018. M. Ricoszi made a motion to approve the minutes with the minor modification in the paragraph bulleted "Review of Recycling Commodity Bids" to read: "M. Ricoszi made a motion to accept the March 28<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes as presented, with the modification discussed earlier for Bottles & Cans." Supervisor McGowan also noted the word "Haul" be deleted from the very first paragraph, in the two places it appears, having the language of the recommendation read: "M. Ricoszi made a motion to recommend to the Board of Finance to award the contract for 'Recycling of Co-Mingled Containers,' to Murphy Road Recycling." A. St. Thomas made a motion to accept the minutes as thus modified. M. Ricoszi seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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

**Curbside Collection Contract** – Supervisor McGowan noted that there have been a few meetings with the sole bidder that Chairman Muniz elaborated on. Chairman Muniz reported that a meeting took place, on April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018, including himself, the First Selectman, Supervisor McGowan and the sole bidder Hometown Waste, to explore if there were any capacity to renegotiate price. The discussion had an "initial negative outcome," Chairman Muniz reported. It was ultimately decided Chairman Muniz stated, that the Town of Branford would be willing to evaluate any recommendations, on the bidder's part, for partial automation that might offer some savings to the contract price. Chairman Muniz went on to report that the same four met again, on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018, exploring triple and dual stream recycling but the bidder had no savings to offer. Chairman Muniz also stated that additionally he did outreach to other vendors exploring who might consider submitting a bid if rebidding the contract were an option. Chairman Muniz reported that given the amount of time available, the vendor feedback was negative, and none expressed interest in bidding. Therefore Chairman Muniz said, despite the month's long work of exploring if a more favorable outcome could be obtained through rebid or negotiation, it was his recommendation to accept the sole bid from Hometown Waste, for the *Curbside Collection* contract for the first three years, with the option to renew for two additional years. Chairman Muniz asked the members for their comments and considerations, and a lengthy discussion took place. M. Ricoszi made a motion to award to Hometown Waste Inc., the current curbside collector, based upon their base bid pricing for manual curbside collection of solid waste and multi-stream recycling collection from the bid received January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018. J. Rollo seconded. Chairman Muniz asked for further discussion, noting that the recommendation to award is based on results/pricing on the RFP issued December 2017 and the resulting base bid received January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The motion carried. Chairman Muniz and A. St Thomas abstained.

Supervisor McGowan reviewed the sole bid response received May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018, from the current contractor All American Waste, for the *Hauling of Newspaper, Bottles & Cans, and Cardboard* contract, noting a significant per haul increase. A lengthy discussion took place, with many questions from the Commissioners put to Supervisor McGowan for clarification. Supervisor McGowan recommended to the Solid Waste Management Commission to award the contract for the *Haul of Newspaper, Bottles & Cans, and Cardboard* to the sole bidder All American Waste, based on the RFP for these services. R. Lasky made a motion, based on Supervisor McGowan's recommendation, to award the contract for the *Haul of Newspaper, Bottles & Cans and Cardboard* to All American Waste of Enfield. J. Rollo seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor McGowan reported the department's budget was approved, without any changes, by the Board of Finance on May 8th 2018. He also reported there is only one condo left that hasn't received a rebate, but he is waiting for their paperwork. Supervisor McGowan noted the Thimble Island Collection started Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup>,

2018. Supervisor McGowan reported a push by the State of Connecticut for recycling in “open spaces,” and he is looking to have recycling bins placed everywhere there is a regular trash receptacle.

Supervisor McGowan stated the “Earth Day: Town Litter Cleanup Day” that recently took place was a success, with 100 plus volunteers.

### **Chairman’s Report:**

Chairman Muniz stated in terms of trying to lower costs for Curbside Collection, the option of dual stream recycling had been explored and had also been included in the recent bid specifications as an option. Chairman Muniz stated that if the bidder were able to accommodate dual stream collection, it would be important to look at the option in an effort to increase recycling, and he stated, the Meeting Minutes of the Special SWMC meeting held March 28<sup>th</sup> should reflect, “in the sentence prior to the last sentence of that paragraph, wording indicating that the contract included a blended newspaper and cardboard (blended/combined) recyclable stream within the contract; let’s ensure that the minutes reflect the fact that the bid included the blended stream option and all three prices.” Chairman Muniz asked what needs to be done to make dual stream recycling happen in terms of educating residents. Chairman Muniz also stated that Covanta had sent correspondence indicating the Town may not have to change its destination for solid waste; he asked Supervisor McGowan to clarify. Supervisor McGowan stated that Covanta indicated they might be able to go to Preston as opposed to Bristol which would be a savings to the town. However, Supervisor McGowan stated, he has not had an update from Covanta in a month regarding this. Chairman Muniz then introduced Kristen Brown from Waste Zero to the Solid Waste Management Commission. The motion to move to Phase II was tabled.

### **Waste Zero**

Chairman Muniz stated that in terms of the Waste Zero Program some grant monies might be available from D.E.E.P. for the Phase II, Public Outreach portion and Phase III, Implementation portion of a SMART program, and that he would want that to be investigated and pursued. Kristen Brown reviewed, generally, the numbers in terms of output of trash disposal in the Town of Branford, as compared with other area/New England municipalities that she had compiled. She continued with a review of the acceptance and resistance met with implementing Waste Zero. Ms. Brown reviewed the “bag and container” aspect of the program, including the net benefits. Chairman Muniz outlined the various stages of rolling out the whole program, asking if the commissioners wanted to take more time to review the statistics and possible cost savings and/or vote on moving to the next stage, meaning exploring the program with the R.T.M. R. Lasky made a motion to pursue Phase II of the Waste Zero Program. J. Rollo seconded. M. Ricozzi asked what the cost and timeframe would be on Stage II of the program, to which Ms. Brown replied the grant, at approximately \$40,000.00, wouldn’t all be needed for Phase II. M. Ricozzi said that the 20% required for Phase II would be about \$8,000. The commissioners discussed and agreed that a Special SWMC meeting should be dedicated to the Waste Zero program.

Chairman Muniz stated there will be a Special SWMC meeting scheduled for Wednesday May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:00 pm. R. Lasky made a motion to adjourn. A. St Thomas seconded. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie J. Capezzone, Secretary,