

# SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

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## SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, 2018 - 7:45 PM CANOE BROOK SENIOR CENTER NOT APPROVED

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

**Absent:** R. Lasky

**Guest:** Jeff Brown

Chairman Muniz called the meeting of the Solid Waste Management Commission to order at 7:51 p.m. Chairman Muniz asked for a motion for the approval of Revised Minutes, Solid Waste Management Commission Special Meeting May 16, 2018. M. Ricozzi made a motion to approve the Special Meeting Minutes as amended. A. St Thomas seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### Solid Waste Supervisors Report

- Solid Waste Supervisor McGowan reported he has received a note from D.E.E.P. regarding the application for the grant submitted for Phase 2 of the *Waste Zero* program and he reported “it is looking good.”
- Solid Waste Supervisor McGowan stated that in terms of the end of fiscal year 2017/18, and the beginning of the new fiscal year, all contractors including the new metals contractor, *Chase Waste Materials*, and other renewed contractors, there have been no issues of concern with these service providers.
- Solid Waste Supervisor McGowan stated that the new Town of Branford Resident Recycling Brochure has been mailed, and there are additional extras copies available for distribution.
- Solid Waste Supervisor McGowan noted the cardboard compactor has been problematic in that it is emitting unusual sounds, and he is having it looked at and may require repairs and/or an overhaul.
- Solid Waste Supervisor McGowan stated the Preston Diversion Contract has been renewed resulting in a substantial money savings.
- The “Book Bins” are no longer on site reported Supervisor McGowan, as the company has gone out of business. The Solid Waste Supervisor asked if anyone is aware of an alternate source to let him know.
- Solid Waste Supervisor McGowan also mentioned that there is plenty of mulch available to residents at the Transfer Station.
- Solid Waste Supervisor McGowan stated the curbside collection contractor has reportedly been going out to collect earlier and earlier, and Chairman Muniz added he received a call from a Stony Creek resident with a concern in that he was awakened at 2:00 am from noise from trash collection; the resident requested the collection route start earlier, perhaps at 9:00 pm, so it might conclude earlier. Solid Waste Supervisor McGowan also stated the First Selectman asked if trash collection started earlier what the impact would be. The commission discussed the seasonal, safety, and noise implications of altering the collection start and stop schedule. Chairman Muniz stated that Solid Waste Supervisor McGowan should discuss with the hauler the actual contract wording in terms of seasonal start times, allowing the contractor the flexibility to alter his route in an attempt to address specific resident complaints and their particular addresses/locations. Chairman Muniz also asked that the Solid Waste Supervisor specifically discuss with the hauler avoiding the town green during high traffic times/town events, e.g., the Jazz Festival, etc.
- Solid Waste Supervisor McGowan reported he is working on “end of year” documents; M. Ricozzi then asked if the end of year transition with the new scale and associated software was a “smooth” one, to which Solid Waste Supervisor McGowan replied “yes;” he continued indicating past issues have been resolved and capability much higher with the new software system.

### Chairman’s Report

- Chairman Muniz reviewed with the Supervisor McGowan the department contracts/contract extensions and their current status in terms year of possible renewal, in effect, at the start of the physical year; these included curbside Collection, with contractor Hometown Waste, the transportation contract with All American Waste, the

transportation of commodities contract, again with All American Waste, the commodities themselves: recycling of Bottles & Cans, Newspaper, Cardboard, and the Scrap Metal contract with Chase Waste.

- Chairman Muniz stated that in terms of Waste Zero, the “scope of work” with them has not yet been established as it securing the initial grant would first need to take place. After which, a meeting with Waste Zero could take place and findings would then be reported back to the Solid Waste Management Commission.
- Chairman Muniz also noted that as Chairman, he has been contacted for the upcoming Planning and Zoning Plan of Conservation and Development meeting and asked, if it wasn’t too late if another member would be willing and/or interested in attending in his place. He stated he would investigate, and if there any future opportunities for input he would advise the commission members.
- Solid Waste Supervisor McGowan reported that glass recycling is becoming “a major issue,” and driving the cost of recycling up. He reported the State of Connecticut is starting a Pilot Program whereby glass would be eliminated from recycling collections and transferred instead directly to transfer stations. Supervisor McGowan stated the HRA is piloting it in their 14 towns, the results of which will be reported back, and he is being proactive in looking to find a cost effective alternative to the glass recycling problem currently being faced.

Chairman Muniz stated the regularly scheduled SWMC meeting will be August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018. A. St Thomas made a motion to adjourn. M. Barbour seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie J. Capezzone, Secretary,