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SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2019 - 7:45 PM CANOE BROOK SENIOR CENTER NOT APPROVED

Present: M Barbour, J. Brown, R. Lasky, A. St Thomas and Solid Waste Supervisor D. McGowan

Absent: Chairman Muniz, J. Rollo

- A. St. Thomas called the meeting of the Solid Waste Management Commission to order at 8:30 p.m. A. St. Thomas called for a review of the revised minutes of the Solid Waste Management Commission meeting held November 14, 2018. A. St. Thomas asked if any edits were required upon review; the commissioners replied no, with R. Lasky abstaining. J. Brown made a motion for the approval of Revised Minutes. M. Barbour seconded. The motion carried; R. Lasky abstained.

Solid Waste Supervisor's Report

- **Budget:** Solid Waste Supervisor McGowan reviewed the budget highlights as reported to Town Hall Administration noting a 0.7% increase overall, including, but not limited to a slight increase in wages, a decrease in utilities mainly due to energy efficiency upgrades, decreases in material handling with significant changes in the various line items therein and increases in transportation and in utilization of HazWaste Central. M. Barbour made a motion to approve the budget as submitted; R. Lasky seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- **Co-Mingled Contract Amendment** – Supervisor McGowan reviewed and referred to the previous month's (January 2019) discussion regarding Murphy Road Recycling and the issue of contamination of collected recyclables. Supervisor McGowan discussed the various scenarios and J. Brown suggested more than just a visual inspection of a contaminated load, and offered a more hands on inspection if a load is designated as contaminated. Supervisor McGowan suggested a line item in the contract, as an amendment, stating that a co-mingled/single-stream load would be charged at \$75 per ton. A lengthy discussion took place, surrounding possible recourse the contractor might take to recoup any lost revenue it might attribute to such an amendment. The commissioners also discussed other possible options to an amendment. J. Brown made a motion to recommend to the Board of Selectman to approve the amendment to the current contract with Murphy Road Recycling, stating that a co-mingled/single-stream, known, pre-advised 5% contaminated load would be charged at \$75 per ton. M. Barbour seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Brush-Chipping Bid Waiver:** Solid Waste Supervisor McGowan explained that New England Harvest had been, and is currently, the contractor for the Town's Brush-Chipping but a bid waiver was required to maintain the contractor due to the contractor's lack of designation as a State of Connecticut contractor. R. Lasky made a motion to recommend to the Board of Selectman to approve bid waive for the Brush Chipping Contract and award the contract to New England Harvest. J. Brown seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Waste Zero:** Solid Waste Supervisor McGowan stated that the grant is no longer required as D.E.E.P. has taken over the grants for the Waste Zero program. He further explained that the second phase of the program would be public engagement and hearings, meetings with R.T.M. to spread the word, get feedback, hammer down the specifics of how the program would be implemented and financed, etc. A lengthy discussion took place, including a possible clothing pick-up on a possible seasonal basis. Solid Waste Supervisor McGowan offered to look into the matter further and offer suggestions for the next regularly scheduled meeting.
- **Ratification of the SWMC 2019 Meeting Schedule:**

1/9/19	5/8/19	9/11/19
2/13/19	6/12/19	10/9/19
3/13/19	7/10/19	11/13/19
4/10/19	8/14/19	12/11/19

A. St. Thomas made a motion to accept the Solid Waste Management Commission 2019 meeting schedule as proposed. L. Lasky seconded. The motion was unanimously passed.

- Solid Waste Supervisor McGowan stated that the Storm Water RFP went out to bid, and Weston & Sampson was awarded the contract. He stated there is still a private push to ban single use plastic bags in the town as

well as on the state level. Supervisor McGowan also mentioned the “How to Recycle Label” and “What’s In, What’s Out?” in answer to questions about specific item recycling.

A. St. Thomas stated the next regularly scheduled SWMC meeting will be March 13, 2019. M. Barbour made a motion to adjourn. J. Brown seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie J. Capezzone, Secretary