

# SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

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## SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2017 - 7:45 PM CANOE BROOK SENIOR CENTER NOT APPROVED

**Present:** Chairman Muniz, R. Lasky, M. Ricozzi, J. Rollo and Solid Waste Supervisor D. McGowan

**Absent:** M. Barbour, A. St. Thomas

Chairman Muniz called the meeting of the Solid Waste Management Commission to order at 7:49 p.m. M. Ricozzi made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of the SWMC held December 7, 2016. R. Lasky seconded. The motion carried unanimously. M. Ricozzi made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2016 SWMC meeting. J. Rollo seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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

- Supervisor McGowan reported he wanted to discuss previous emails he had sent to Commission members, specifically in three areas, including the Criscuolo bid for Scale Repairs, the solar array plans from Solar City, and budget items. Supervisor McGowan reported he sent the Criscuolo bid package, including the specifications, to the Town Engineer for review. Supervisor McGowan stated he was hoping to have the Scale Project completed by spring/summer 2017. Chairman Muniz requested Supervisor McGowan report back, via email, regarding who from Town of Branford employees would be working as Project Manager and/or on the project team for the Scale project, as well as other aspects of the project, such as traffic flow, alternative weighing during construction, etc. He also requested the Commission members email Supervisor McGowan with any details/concerns they establish within the next two weeks.
- **Solar Array Project** - Supervisor McGowan discussed/reviewed the revised submission plans received from Solar City. He reported the temporary fencing requested by the Commission was being put in place. The conceptual drawing was reviewed by the Commission; many details were discussed, including the placement of the transformer, fencing, the gate, and interferences of the view. Chairman Muniz asked if any Commission members have additional comments/concerns, based on further review of Solar City's revised plans, that each email these to Supervisor McGowan, or the Chairman, before January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017, when the next Public Hearing with Solar City is scheduled.
- **FY 2016/2017 Budget** - Supervisor McGowan stated he worked on an initial department budget, and was looking for the Commission's thoughts and input on the preliminary budget he presented. A lengthy discussion took place and areas of concern were discussed in terms of anticipated estimates, upcoming costs and/or increases. The conversation centered around two main points being the highest line item cost being disposal of bulky waste, and ways to reduce the generated waste tonnage.
- Supervisor McGowan stated he has heard concerns that the closing of the Wallingford Transfer Station may have an impact on the wait time the Town of Branford may experience, due to the role Covanta may have to play. The question of the Town reverting to "single stream" recycling was also touched upon.
- In terms of new areas of trash disposal, the Chairman asked Supervisor McGowan to begin to gather numbers from town industries and to look at pilot program for food waste as was suggested by M. Ricozzi.
- Chairman Muniz asked Supervisor McGowan to look into getting the broken overhead door at the Transfer Station fixed as soon as possible.

- **Chairman's Report** - Chairman Muniz stated the contracts due for renewal and extension had already been discussed. Chairman Muniz suggested a Special Meeting of the Solid Waste Management Commission would be required to address voting on a final budget, contract renewal/extensions recommendations, and public bid result review and recommendations. M. Ricozzi made a motion to hold a Special meeting of the SWMC at the end of January or the first days of February, the exact date of which to be determined and articulated to the commission members via email by Chairman Muniz. J. Rollo seconded. The motion carried.

R. Lasky made a motion to adjourn. J. Rollo seconded. The motion carried. Chairman Muniz adjourned the meeting at 9:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie J. Capezzone, Secretary