

# **SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

**November 8, 2023**

Present: Chairman P Muniz; Commissioners R Aitro, Bowne, T Muhlbauer, H Heyman, and K Galambos;  
Sustainability and Compliance Manager T Bowne

1. Chairman Muniz called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm
2. Chairman Muniz introduced new Commissioner Trudy Muhlbauer and welcomed her to the SWMC
3. K Galambos moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of Sept 2023, R Aitro seconded, and the motion passed unanimously (T Muhlbauer abstained)
4. Program Operations:
  - a. Recycling Material Costs and Metrics
    - i. T Bowne submitted a written report to the SWMC Commission via email earlier today
    - ii. He reported that the recent decline in Municipal Solid Waste is a good sign, and he will continue to monitor
    - iii. The recycling ACR has returned to base price, which indicates low contamination. Since July there have been only one or two loads deemed contaminated
    - iv. Yard waste collection is going well. The yard waste pickup call-in system is functioning well. 70 people called for pickups on the second day of service. One person who had not called in complained, and ACA made the pickup. Leaf collection is included in the program.
    - v. T Bowne reached out to the new superintendent of schools to discuss recycling of holiday materials at the schools this year.
  - b. Curbside Collection Performance Update – see T Bowne’s report
  - c. Transfer Station Performance and Practices Update
    - i. A new “express lane” for recycling and trash has been established at the Transfer Station for residents’ convenience.
    - ii. TB is working with the Building Department on possible renovations at the Transfer Station
5. Old Business
  - a. Contract Status: No issues with existing contracts

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**6. New Business**

a. Contract Status: The SWMC needs to negotiate the contract for rubbish collection of comingled trash & recycling materials accumulated in decorative barrels on the Town Green and in and Stony Creek. Prior contracts required daily and weekend pickups but they were not regularly performed. T Bowne wrote a new contract bid document, Chairman Muniz approved it, and it was sent out last week. The SWMC will hold a Special Meeting to review the bid proposals next week, prior to the Board of Selectman meeting, so that the contract can begin by December 1. The contract will be financed with funds from Material Handling.

**7. K Galambos moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by R Aitro, the motion passed unanimously. Chairman Muniz adjourned the meeting at 6:54 pm**

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**TO:** James B. Cosgrove, First Selectman; Paul Muniz, MSW Commission Chairman  
**FROM:** Tyler Bowne, Sustainability and Compliance Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Transfer Station Monthly Report and Updates – October 2023  
**DATE:** 11/08/2023

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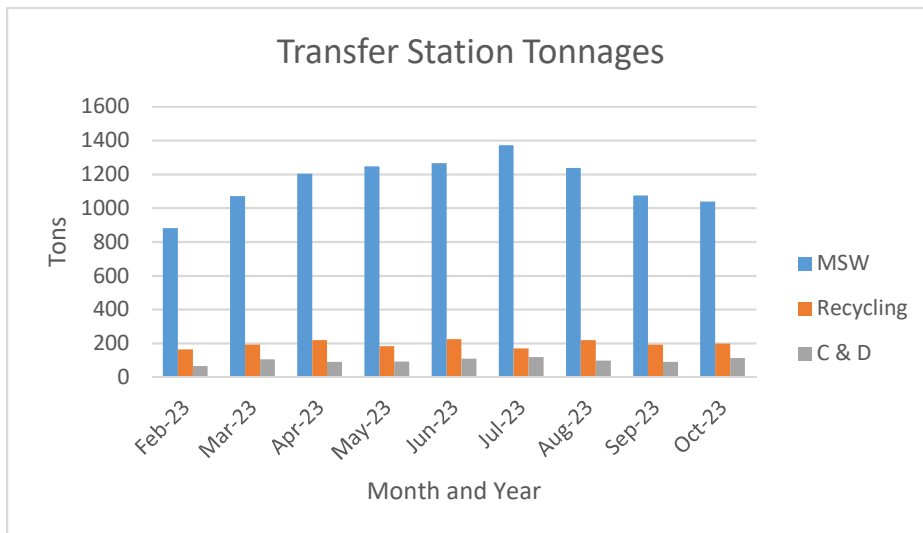
**October 2023**

Solid Waste and Recycling:

- A) Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) Processed: **1,037.97 tons**
- B) Recycling Processed: **197.97 tons**
- C) Construction and Demolition Debris (C&D): **114 tons**

Recycling Processed by Category:

Category	Tonnage
BOOKS	2.29 tons
MATTRESSES	7.70 tons
METAL	29.77 tons
MIXED RECYCABLES	153.91 tons
TEXTILES	.26 tons
ELECTRONICS	4.04 tons
<b>TOTAL OUTBOUND RECYCLING</b>	<b>197.97 tons</b>



## Additional Information:

Single Stream Recycling Charge per Ton: ACR

July: \$114

August: \$102.36

September: \$95.02

ACR Example – September 2023

Single Stream Average Commodity Rate, Branford				
Commodity	Percent of Stream	Benchmark	Rate (Indexed)	Stream Value
OCC	13.40%	P&PW New England Low OCC #11	\$ 65.00	\$ 8.71
Mixed Paper	46.00%	P&PW New England Low #54	\$ 20.00	\$ 9.20
Glass	19.00%	Fixed \$78.25/ton charge + CPI (min 4%)	\$ (78.25)	\$ (14.87)
Steel Cans	2.00%	Recyclingmarkets.net Baled Low	\$ 187.50	\$ 3.75
Aluminum	0.25%	Recyclingmarkets.net Baled Low	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 3.25
Natural HDPE	0.60%	Recyclingmarkets.net Low	\$ 440.00	\$ 2.64
Colored HDPE	0.75%	Recyclingmarkets.net Low	\$ 160.00	\$ 1.20
PET	2.00%	Recyclingmarkets.net Low	\$ 120.00	\$ 2.40
Mixed Plastics #3-7	1.00%	Recyclingmarkets.net Low	\$ 20.00	\$ 0.20
Residue	15.00%	Fixed \$110.00/Ton charge + CPI (min 4%)	\$ (110.00)	\$ (16.50)
	100.00%		Total Value	\$ (0.02)

Branford	\$ 95.00
Less ACR	\$ (0.02)
Result	\$ 95.02
Less MRR 50% share of profit	\$ -
Per ton charge rate	\$ 95.02

Trash and Recycling Bin Collection at TS:

- 5 full Roll offs to date
- ~ 9,200 Tons of material diverted from landfill
- Currently 1 more roll off set at TS. Will determine need for more as collection continues.