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MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2018 - 7:45 PM
CANOE BROOK SENIOR CENTER
NOT APPROVED

Present: Chairman Muniz, M. Barbour, J. Brown, J. Rollo, and Solid Waste Supervisor D. McGowan

Absent: R. Lasky and A. St Thomas

Chairman Muniz called the meeting of the Solid Waste Management Commission to order at 7:51 p.m. M. Barbour made a motion to approve the SWMC minutes for the September 12, 2018 meeting. J. Rollo seconded. Solid Waste Supervisor McGowan stated that in the 9/12/2018 meeting minutes the ZuWalick property and 191 Short Beach Road are incorrectly indicated as properties to be purchased by the Town of Branford. M. Barbour stated he wished to approve the September 12th 2018 meeting minutes with the amendment to the second to final bullet to read the Town of Branford is not intending to purchase the 191 Short Beach Road properties. J. Rollo seconded the motion with the minute's amendment. The motion carried unanimously.

Solid Waste Supervisor's Report

- Solid Waste Supervisor McGowan reported he has been in discussions with Murphy Road Recycling regarding contamination charges they have been submitting. Supervisor McGowan stated that there has been "some back and forth" as to what exactly "contamination" content refers to and the amounts present. Chairman Muniz asked what the nature of the complaint was. They are arguing Supervisor McGowan stated that boxboard, magazines and junk mail qualify as contamination, whereas, he continued, the contract states these are all part of the recycling stream. Supervisor McGowan then stated he believes "we are closing in on a resolution to this." The commission reviewed various aspects of the contracts, concluding the collection of recyclables is in compliance with the current contract. Supervisor McGowan stated he is working with Murphy Road to draft an addendum to set a price for the inclusion of fiber to the commingled contract.
- Supervisor McGowan continued he has learned that there is a company in Fairfield that is willing to come into the Branford area to do curbside food waste collection if a minimum of 50 town pickups, granted for one year, can be secured. The cost would be \$352.00 per year. The commission asked Supervisor McGowan to get further details as they expressed interest in the program.
- Solid Waste Supervisor McGowan stated the Condo Collection is going well and HazWaste is done for the year. He also reported he had recently been interviewed by a group with BCTV about town recycling that would air most likely in early December. Part of the discussion was about the State of Connecticut's "What's In, What's Out" campaign, and Supervisor McGowan said he has put that widget on the Town of Branford's website in an effort to offer residents a place to go to find out the method of recycling most all products.
- Solid Waste Supervisor McGowan stated the "Storm Water" RFP is either "out on the street, or pretty close to being so."
- Supervisor McGowan reported finding graffiti on the gazebo at Ecology Park.
- Supervisor McGowan stated the budget transfer the Solid Waste Management Commission previously approved in September has gone through all processes and is completed. The commission went on to discuss the current market pricing for recyclables.

Chairman's Report

- Chairman Muniz asked for contracts requiring discussion in terms of review or renewal, and Supervisor McGowan answered that currently there are none. Chairman Muniz then made a motion to offer the Solid Waste Management Commission's appreciation and thanks to Mario Ricozzi for his decades of service, not only to the Solid Waste Management Commission, but to the Town of Branford as well. He stated further, that he

will ask the First Selectman to provide a letter of commendation to Mario in that respect. M. Barbour seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor McGowan mentioned the 2019 meeting schedule and the budget as items of discussion for the next regularly scheduled SWMC meeting on December 12, 2018. J. Rollo made a motion to adjourn. J. Brown seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie J. Capezzone, Secretary,