

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, May 10, 2023

Present: Chairman Muniz, Commissioners Galambos, Heyman, Aitro, Rollo, and Plunkett, Sustainability and Compliance Manager Bowne

1. Chairman Muniz called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm
2. Commissioner Heyman made a motion to approve the minutes of March 8, Commissioner Galambos seconded, the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Galambos made a motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting of March 23, Commissioner Heyman seconded, the motion passed unanimously.
3. Program Operations: see attached document "05.10.23_MSW April 2023 Transfer Station Report"
4. Old Business
 - a. Contract Status
 - i. Curbside Collection: the Board of Selectmen voted to approve the contract with BRS LLC (also known as "John's"). Chairman Muniz and Manager Bowne met with the vendor several times to iron out any remaining details and expect the final contract to be completed by May 23
 - ii. Recycling Material Processing contract: Chairman Muniz and Manager Bowne have had discussions with Murphy Road recycling, with the intention to resolve the final contract language including any typographical errors
 - iii. The MSW Hauling (Cherry Hill) and Thimble Islands contracts were approved by the Board of Selectmen
 - iv. Management of Bulky Waste:
 1. Cherry Hill bid \$105/ton including transportation and disposal
 2. All American Waste bid \$129.21/ton
 3. Chairman Muniz made a motion to recommend the Board of Selectmen accept Cherry Hill's bid, Commissioner Heyman seconded, the motion passed
 - v. Recycling of Scrap Metal:
 1. Chase Waste is our current vendor. Their bid offered 75% of the market price.
 2. Continental Scrap Metal bid a fixed price by the American Metal Market Philly standard, and they would keep a deduction of \$108/gross ton.
 3. Both bidders kept the bid constant for five years.

4. Commissioner Heyman made a motion to recommend the Board of Selectmen accept Chase's bid, Commissioner Aitro seconded, the motion passed unanimously.
 - vi. Chairman Muniz thanked Manager Bowne for coordinating the mailer that went out to all Town residents, regarding the trash and recycling carts that will be distributed for the automated curbside pickup starting this summer. Sample carts were displayed at the Earth Day event on the Town Green, and can also be viewed at the Community House and the Transfer Station.
- b. Budget status
- i. Chairman Muniz reported that the proposed budget was reviewed and approved by the RTM Public Services Committee and by the Board of Finance.
 - ii. The final total of \$4,793,358 represents a 33.4% increase due to the replacement of the five-year-old curbside collection contract.
 - iii. Because the cost of curbside collection will increase, so will the condo rebate.
 - iv. Commissioner Aitro made a motion to approve the proposed budget, Commissioner Heyman seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

5. Commissioner Heyman made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Galambos seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The next meeting of the SWMC will be held on June 14 at 6:00 pm via Zoom.

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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 – Month of April 2023

DATE: 05 /10/2023

I. Solid Waste and Recycling:

A)	<u>Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) Processed:</u>	1,202.64	TONS
B)	<u>Recycling Processed:</u>	218.4	TONS
C)	<u>Construction and Demolition Debris (C&D)</u>	91.03	TONS

Recycling Processed by Category:

Category	Tonnage
Bottles/Cans	73.39
Corrugated Cardboard	16.01
Mixed Paper	70.24
Metal	44.21
Books	1.38
Mattresses	5.85
Textiles	0.15
Tires	3.62
Electronics	3.55
Total Tonnage	218.4

MSW Updates:

1. Cart Selection ends May 14th
2. Mailers will be sent out next week with images of the new carts
3. Finalizing Curbside Collection contract with Bozzuto Bros. Refuse
4. Finalizing Recycling Processing contract with Murphy Road Recycling
5. Carts will be delivered starting June 13 and finished delivery by June 30
6. All recycling carts will come with a packet of information pertaining to the new automated collection and single stream “no-sort” recycling
7. The Chairman and myself did an interview on BCTV
8. Press release with more information should be out this week