

Solid Waste Commission
Regular Meeting
Monday, March 25, 2019 – 5:30 PM
Lebanon Town Hall Conference Room

MINUTES

Members Present: Chair Carol Morris-Scata, Harry Anderson, Ryk Nelson, Dennis Greci (Alternate)

Others Present: Transfer Station Supervisor Douglas Blakeslee and Recording Secretary Linda McDonald

1. Call to order: C. Morris-Scata called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. R. Nelson MOVED to seat D. Greci as a voting member. H. Anderson SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3:0:0.
2. Discuss and Act Upon:
 - 2.a BOS appointment of Dennis Greci as full member:

R. Nelson MOVED to recommend to the Board of Selectmen the appointment of Dennis as full member to the Solid Waste Commission, term to expire 2/1/2020. H. Anderson SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3:0:0.
 - 2.b Approval of January 23, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes:

R. Nelson MOVED to approve the January 23, 2019 special meeting minutes as presented. H. Anderson SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 4:0:0.
3. Correspondence:
 - 3.a Fuss and O’Neil Contract: C. Morris-Scata reported on the fee increase in the contract.
 - 3.b Trial Balance Information:

C. Morris-Scata presented the trial balance report and noted the increase in the solid waste disposal fees in December. She said, when she presented the budget to the Board of Finance, the Board asked if there is a seasonal pattern in waste disposal. Discussion followed.
 - 3.c Email from E. Kamm regarding plastic bag recycling:

C. Morris-Scata reported on an email she received regarding plastic bag recycling of the Scott’s compost plastic non-recyclable bags distributed free at the Transfer Station. D. Blakeslee responded Scott’s does not offer any recycling. One suggestion was to re-use the compost bags as trash bags. C. Morris-Scata will have the DEEP link to places that will take commercial packaging and plastic wrap put on the Commission’s webpage.
4. Old Business:

Discuss and Act Upon:

- 4.a Revised FY 2020 Budget: Discussion followed on the budget line items. Consensus of the members was the best budget proposal based on the information the commission has.

R. Nelson MOVED to approve the SWC FY 2020 budget proposal as presented at the meeting. H. Anderson SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 4:0:0.

- 4.b 2017-2018 Annual Town Report: The Board reviewed the narrative submitted by C. Morris-Scata for the annual report.

5. New Business:

5.a Transfer Station Report:

D. Blakeslee reported about on-going work in the area by Eversource. Discussion followed on the lock combination being widely distributed to many groups. C. Morris-Scata reported using chains at the dumpsters are not permitted by OSHA. She said the Transfer Station webpage has been updated with information about proper use of the Transfer station. Discussion followed on groups soliciting at the facility and collection of refundable cans and bottles for the scouts at the facility. Consensus of the members was to continue discussion on this matter at the June meeting to work on formalizing a collection program. Discussion followed on confusion as to what is recyclable.

5.b Information packet from NewTech Recycling:

C. Morris-Scata reported that NewTech Recycling sent a proposal to be the electronic recycler for the Town. Discussion followed and consensus was to keep the business local with the current vendor, Take2, as switching would have no real benefit to the Town. No action was taken.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 24th. Topics for research and discussion will include:

- Formalizing a collection program and location for returnable cans and bottles.
- Checking the trial balance sheet for seasonality pattern of waste disposal
- Pipes at the dumpsters
- Combination lock at the gate
- Discussion of the Willimantic Waste Paper contract set to expire 6/30/19.

6. Adjournment: R. Nelson MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m. H. Anderson SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 4:0:0.

Respectfully Submitted Linda H. McDonald

Please see the minutes of subsequent meetings for the approval of these minutes and any corrections hereto.