

Solid Waste Commission

Special Meeting

Monday September 30, 2019 at 5:30 PM

Lebanon Town Hall Upper Conference Room

MINUTES

1. Call to Order: Chair C. Morris-Scata called the meeting to order at 5:33 PM. Members Present: Ryk Nelson, Harry Anderson, Carol Morris-Scata; Members Absent: Dennis Greci and Transfer Station Supervisor Doug Blakeslee

2. Discuss and Act Upon:

2a. Minutes of the June 24, 2019 Meeting: R. Nelson moved to approve the minutes of the June 24th 2019 regularly scheduled meeting of the Solid Waste Commission (SWC) as presented; H. Anderson seconded. Motion carried 3:0:0.

3. Correspondence:

3a. Fuss & O'Neill report: The third quarter monitoring report from Fuss & O'Neill was reviewed. The report indicated that most readings were consistent with historical levels. Manganese and benzene continue to exceed acceptable levels in all monitoring wells. The SWC was in agreement that continued monitoring of the closed landfill and reports regarding water quality were necessary.

3b. Letter of Resignation as Chair: C. Morris-Scata reviewed her letter of resignation as Chair and indicated she would like to continue as a board member of the Solid Waste Commission.

4. Transfer Station Supervisor's Report: Transfer Station Supervisor D. Blakeslee was unable to attend tonight's meeting. A review of transfer operations will be scheduled for the upcoming regular meeting in December.

4b. Transfer Station Fees: Discussion ensued as part of New Business

5. Old Business:

5a. Location of Returnables: Based on earlier reports from D. Blakeslee, the development of a specific area for returnable bottles and cans seems unnecessary. The SWC discussed the issue and decided that it has been resolved.

5b. Combination Locks for Gates: The issue of gate locks continues but D. Blakeslee was unable to report further about details for an automatic gate locking system. This issue will be added to the December regularly scheduled meeting for more discussion and review.

6. New Business:

6a. Discuss Possible Fee Increases: The SWC discussed the need for increased fees in response to data provided by the Board of Selectmen regarding increasing costs for recyclable items. Different options for covering future costs were reviewed, including a sticker program for residents and raising prices on solid waste bags to cover costs. Based on earlier feedback from Transfer Station staff, modest increases in bag prices were felt by SWC members to be the most manageable and effective way to cover unexpected recycling costs and still encourage recycling efforts by residents. A motion was made by R. Nelson and seconded by H. Anderson to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that it consider maintaining the \$1.00 fee on small trash bags but increasing rates by July 1, 2020 on medium-sized 30 gallon trash bags from \$2.00 to \$3.00 and on large-sized 45 gallon trash bags from \$3.00 to \$5.00, and that such increases be proposed at the next public meeting called by the Board of Selectmen for public discussion and consensus. Motion carried 3:0:0.

6b. Review Trial Balance Sheets: The trial balance sheets were reviewed for revenue and expenditures in each account. The SWC felt that the budget seemed to be on target for now, but wishes to continue to review the data to make sure that projections made for 2019 continue to be on-track. This financial information will be requested for the December regularly scheduled meeting.

6c. Discuss and Act Upon: The 2020 calendar was reviewed. Motion to accept the presented calendar for quarterly regular meetings at 5:30 PM at the Lebanon Town Hall carried 3:0:0.

6d. Discussion of Selection of New Chair on December 16th: A discussion was held regarding the appointment of the next Chair for the Solid Waste Commission. No members present indicated a desire to assume this position. Present Chair C. Morris-Scata therefore indicated that she would continue as Chair past the December 2019 meeting, with assistance from Ryk Nelson, until such time as a new or present board member indicated to the SWC that he or she would like to assume the responsibility. This approach met with approval by board members present.

7. Adjournment: The special meeting adjourned at 6:05 PM.

Minutes Prepared and Respectfully Submitted by:
Carol L. Morris-Scata
SWC Chair
October 2, 2019

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