

Solid Waste Commission
**** Special Meeting ****
April 6th, 2023 at 3 pm
Lebanon Town Hall Upper Conference Room

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** SWC Chair Ryk Nelson called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.
2. **Members**
 - A. Present: Robert Nejake, Ryk Nelson, Mike Rota, Doug Blakelee (Solid Waste Supervisor), Kevin Cwikla (First Selectman),
 - B. Absent: Harry Anderson, Nik Lohse
 - C. Others Present: Member of the public
3. **Discuss and act on Cassella rate increase regarding services at the town transfer station**
 - A. Town has received notification that Casella contract expires on 6/30/23 and is not able to be renewed under current cost structure. New pricing will introduce hauling fees that previously were not included. Annual contract costs will double from \$110K to \$220K annually.
 - B. Pricing has been obtained from CWPM may be lower than Casella but would require a transition between vendors. Will look to negotiate contract terms with Casella to be closer to CWPM pricing and aim for a five year contract.
4. **Adjust budget and fees, accordingly**
 - A. Request made to discuss what fee changes may be needed in order to match significant expense increases from either Casella or CWPM.
 - B. Reviewed March 2023 breakdown of Transfer Station fees to determine what changes would be needed to increase revenue from \$120K to \$220K to match the expected expenses
 1. Motion made and approved unanimously to change fee structure as follows:
 - a) Continue with planned increase in fees for Municipal Solid Waste
 - (1) 15 Gallon bag increase from \$1 to \$2
 - (2) 30 Gallon bag/container increase from \$2 to \$4
 - (3) 50 Gallon bag/container increase from \$3 to \$6
 - b) Increase bulky waste fee from \$14/cubic yard to \$20/cubic yard
 - c) Increase Sheetrock/Shingles fee from \$43/cubic yard to \$45/cubic yard
 - d) Increase Brush/Leaves fee from \$2/cubic yard to \$5 per cubic yard
 2. Fee increases would be effective July 1st, 2023
 3. No change to any other fees as published on town website
 4. Fee changes will be presented at annual town meeting on May 1st
 5. Fee schedule on town website will be updated prior to July 1st
5. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 3:39 PM.

Minutes Prepared and Respectfully Submitted by: Mike Rota, Secretary. Please see the minutes of subsequent meetings for the approval of these minutes and any corrections hereto.