

Agenda for Solid Waste Committee 11/12/2020

5:30 via Zoom

Task of Committee-updated 10/28/20:

Recommended task:

Vision for Future of Solid Waste & Recycling Programs.

- a. What services does the Town want?
- b. What is needed to offer these services?
- c. How can these services be offered?
- d. What is the cost to offer these services?

Reminder: Freedom of Information Act, this is a very important statute! Per the Freedom of Information Act, committees can NOT have conversations/discussions via email, phone, etc. All committee discussions and decisions must be had and made at a public meeting. Any conversations by more than 2 committee members outside of a public meeting is considered an illegal meeting. Furthermore, all emails that you send as a committee member and/or regarding committee business is considered public information and is part of the public record. Committee members may use email to distribute information to all committee members and committee staff, but any discussion of that information must take place at a public meeting.

All committee members must be included in Solid Waste Committee emails:

Members-Cathy Curtis, Susan Brown, Michael Smith, Pat McDonough, Tessa Kingsley, Lisa Wesel, Susan Drucker, Bryan Benson

FOAA Training for all town boards & committees members held on Tuesday 11/10/20 at 5PM

“Until then, email should only be used to distribute information, there should be NO discussion of that information via email. For agenda setting, I would suggest that you plan the agenda for your next meeting at your meeting and have an other business agenda item if something comes up.

As for meetings, the Town of Bowdoinham will be conducting public meetings via video conferencing. This is in accordance with emergency legislation (PL 2019, c. 617) enacted by the Maine legislature on March 17, 2020, which temporarily authorizes remote participation at municipal board and committee meetings by board members and the public. “

Call to Order

Amendments to the Agenda

Approval of the Minutes from 10/28/20

Old Business

- Review any information from Select Board Meeting as it pertains to committee
- Update on when temporary location will open
- Draft survey

1) Additions/corrections to the list of recycling services, and which are funded by the town vs. user fees.

2) Whether or not to include the question about the book section of the Store (Bryan has some feedback about that, which I was not aware of before but which seems important to consider as we move forward.)

3) Patrick's suggestion about how to conduct the survey.

4) When and how to distribute the survey, e.g. We could post it now on the town's various FB pages with a link to a Survey Monkey, and then include it in the next town newsletter in January.

5) Get some publicity in the Times Record that is more positive than the past few articles — less about the Barn and more about the work we're doing, including the survey.

- Back Plan from April 15 to have proposal ready for Selectboard
- Start filling in planning document
- discuss two person sub-committees to complete some of the work between meetings

New Business

- Eco-Maine Update
- Determine what other information the committee needs and how to gather that information

Public Comments

Follow-up Items

Next Agenda and Meeting Date, time, place:

Adjournment