

SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE - January 10, 2024

<u>Attending</u>	<u>Not in Attendance</u>
Wendy Cunningham	
Paul Denis	
Pat McDonough	
Paul Tabor	
Bryan Benson, Solid Waste and Recycling Director, Staff	

PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

The minutes from the December 27, 2023 meeting were approved.

UPDATE FROM BRYAN

- Tour of Casella confirmed for 1/11/2024. As parking is sparse the committee can meet at Town Office at noon to carpool however members can go separately if they want.
- Bryan has green bids from the trash facility in Auburn (Maine Waste Energy) and the pricing is coming in below our current vendor - amounts differ depending on length of commitment, e.g. if we commit for 5 years the savings is \$27/ton. Plummer would haul to which ever facility we go with Bryan doesn't need anything from the committee, just an FYI.
- He expects the recycling compactor to go into use this Saturday (1/13/2024)
- Pricing to make changes needed to become a licensed transfer station is in the works, as the estimate is > \$5,000 Bryan needs to get estimates from 3 vendors to do this.

TIMING OF MISC DELIVERABLES

There are a couple of deliverables still outstanding, including defining and quantifying the trash tag subsidy program and calculating self-sustaining trash tag prices. Both should be drafted out for committee review by 1/24/2024 meeting.

Wendy has been asked to create a report for the Town Meeting Report. This should also be drafted for committee input by 1/24/2024.

UPDATING ORDINANCE

The majority of these changes can be found in the next iteration of the draft ordinance, but in general a couple of comments:

- The EPA has a goal to eliminate organics in land fills by 2040, and to have them reduced by 50% by 2030. For this reason we need to make sure we have something for composting, or at least keep it in mind for future revisions.
- There were a couple of other places where we decided to define current status in ordinance even though there probably will be changes in the future. Those changes can be addressed in a future revision.
- Looking to use consistent terms, e.g. do a 'find and replace' for rubbish to trash.

One future initiative includes communication, part of that initiative needs to be to keep a 'master list' of places where the ordinance refers to lists/communications published on the Town's website.

Definitions - again majority of changes to definitions can be found in the subsequent iteration. Some other items include:

- We will add a definition for 'Wood Waste', currently included in lawn waste, but we will separate.

Note, Wendy had to leave the meeting before we finished definition section so Paul D. supplied changes for those terms. (Thanks Paul)