

SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
July 8, 2019
6:00 P.M., TOWN OFFICE

PRESENT: Jamie Sullivan, Moderator
Mary Broderick
Julie Glover
Dave Hartnett
Frank Healey
Mark Longstaffe
Tom McGuirk
Helen McIntyre
Paul Morin
David Morrison
Ute Pineo
Norm Silberdick
William "Skip" Sullivan
Alicia Xanthopoulos

ABSENT: Jake Fleming

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I. Call to order

Deputy Town Manager, Mr. Jamie Sullivan, called the meeting to order and welcomed the Committee members.

II. Public comment

A Town of Hampton resident spoke to the Committee and made recommendations such as: eliminating the collection of commercial single serve glass bottles, making cardboard recycling a priority, using recycling receptacles for cans and bottles at the beach that are specifically designed to keep trash from being put into them, assisting residents with signing up for "Do not mail" sites, designating income from recycling to make improvements at the beach in order to encourage visitors to help with recycling, increasing recycling education.

III. Introduction of members

Committee members introduced themselves.

IV. Review of legal issues

Mr. Mark Gearreald, Attorney for the Town of Hampton, addressed the Committee regarding legal issues that govern the Town, the Board of Selectmen and the Committee. He discussed the powers given to the Town by the State and the powers delegated by the Town through Town meeting enactments to the Board of Selectmen. Attorney Gearreald discussed enabling

legislation such as RSA 31:39, (f) and RSA 149 M:17 which sets forth what the Town “shall” or “may” do in regard to solid waste and recycling. A discussion pursued regarding legal issues that may affect the Board of Selectmen’s ability to implement the Committee’s recommendations. After Attorney Gearreald’s presentation, each Committee member asked questions and a general discussion ensued regarding the legal ability to implement ideas that the Committee may consider recommending, including issues such as whether the sale of bottles can be prohibited in Town, how to reduce the amount of glass being recycled, whether the costs of trash pick-up can be billed for separately, using an outside contractor for trash and recycling services, collection for condominiums, how to mitigate the “carry in” trash by tourists, current contracts with vendors, and pay as you go options. The idea of a special revenue or revolving fund from charges collected for Transfer Station use was also raised. Attorney Gearreald plans to comment on some of these questions at a future meeting. The concepts of “fairness” and “level of service” were discussed in regard to potential recommendations being considered by the Committee.

V. Adjournment

At 7:22 p.m., the Committee adjourned on the **MOTION** of Mr. Jamie Sullivan and was unanimously **SECONDED** by all Committee members.