

SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
October 14, 2021
7:00 p.m., Town Hall

PRESENT: William Sullivan, Chairman
David Hartnett
Frank Healey
Mark Longstaffe
Paul Morin
David Morrison
Ute Pineo
Norman Silberdick
Jerry Znoj

ABSENT:

I. Call to Order

Mr. William Sullivan, Chairman, called the meeting to order and welcomed the Committee members.

II. Salute to the Flag

III. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

IV. Minutes

A **MOTION** was made to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2021 meeting with the following revisions. Tom McQuirk was in attendance and David Harnett was not in attendance. In section IV the word “digester” replaces the word “biogester” in the third sentence.

MOTION PASSED

Moved by Mr. Paul Moran

Seconded by Mr. Jerry Znoj

Vote 9-0

V. Report from DPW

Mr. Joseph Lynch, DPW Deputy Director and Mr. James Hafey, DPW Transfer Station Foreman, updated the Committee on the status of trash and recycling collection. They discussed the projected date that the new trucks will be received and the condition of the DPW’s collection trucks. The DPW conducted a solid waste collection audit during the week of August 15 to August 21, 2021. The audit included a count of the number of carts, the weight of the carts and an evaluation of trash versus recycling. The audit results were discussed in detail and the Committee was given a written report. Mr. Hafey informed the Committee that the cardboard and glass collection project has been delayed because the DPW does not currently have a way to haul the glass and cardboard once it is collected.

VI. Presentation from Waste Zero

A representative from Waste Zero discussed the company’s waste reduction services. Waste Zero collects clothing and textiles and recycles them. Waste Zero’s service would be available to

all Hampton residents and collection would be done curbside. The service would generate revenue for the Town while also reducing the cost of solid waste hauling.

A **MOTION** was made to forward the information provided by Waste Zero to the Town Manager and the Board of Selectmen for review.

MOTION PASSED

Moved by Mr. Paul Moran

Seconded by Mr. Mark Longstaffe

Vote 9-0

VII. Education Committee Report

The Education Committee has been working with the Hampton school system and NRRA to review options for removing food waste from the Town's waste collection. Videos on reducing food waste have been running on channel 13.

VIII. Old Business

The Committee discussed the possibility of using a food digester. The fact that the food going into the machine must be sorted is an issue to be considered. The use of a digester will be discussed further before making a recommendation.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.