

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT OPTIONS COMMITTEE
Minutes of Meeting July 12, 2007

Present: Nancy Brumback, Craig Blake, Peter Harvell, Carolyn Lee, John Pearson, Thomas Powers, Thomas Young, Bill Place, DPW Director

The statutory requirements as to notice having been complied with, the meeting was convened at 7:30 p.m. in the Thompson Room of the Flynn Building, 278 Old Sudbury Road. The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by Chairman John Pearson. In keeping with the agenda published in the previous minutes (6-28-07), the minutes were reviewed. The minutes were accepted as presented. Move to accept by Craig, second by Nancy, accepted unanimously.

Peter, as a town employee, will be posting minutes and other items on the town web-site in a timely fashion. Thus, once something is finalized, if it is sent to Carolyn, she will convert it to a PDF and forward to Peter, who will post it.

Bill noted that he will have the households information and requested graphics (action items from prior meeting) at the 7-24 meeting. The closing of the fiscal year kept him busy. Bill also reported that the transfer station operates in the black, having now about \$200K in retained earnings accrued. Further, since anyone can recycle there, the roughly 15% of residents who purchase stickers are effectively subsidizing all the residents who bring recyclables to the transfer station.

Craig reported on his bag analysis and provided a graphical handout. The number of 30 gallon bags has been decreasing, but the number of 15 gallon ones has held constant. The total tonnage has decreased somewhat while the number of stickers sold has held essentially constant over the last 6 years. Tom reported that there is absolutely no "hook" anywhere in the current town bylaws to use for requiring sanitation reports from the current haulers.

Our first goal was agreed to be a full understanding of the status quo. It was further agreed that all information would be gathered in a common manner and while informing the haulers of our committee and the goal. We agreed that we do want to hear from the Merritt team who did the previous analysis, but not until October when we understand the status quo better.

The remainder of the meeting was spent discussing what information we want to gather from the current haulers and how we should go about that. We discussed the handouts provided by both Peter and Eric at the previous meeting. Tom Powers stated that he would begin a demographic analysis of towns, to find those that compare most directly with Sudbury in area, population and income.

Motion by Craig, seconded by Nancy: Move to accept the questions as laid out in tonight's discussion and the handouts from Peter and Eric. And that Carolyn, as clerk, combine the list of information items we wish to learn from haulers for review at the next meeting. Accepted unanimously.

We agreed NOT to meet in August, but to resume in September. Meeting dates going forward need to be established at the 7-24-07 meeting. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Attest:

Carolyn Lee, Clerk, SWMOC