

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT OPTIONS COMMITTEE
Minutes of Meeting July 26, 2007

Present: Nancy Brumback, Craig Blake, Peter Harvell, Carolyn Lee, John Pearson, Thomas Powers, Thomas Young, Eric Richard, 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 (7-12-07), the minutes were reviewed. The minutes were accepted as presented with the header date corrected. Move to accept by Craig, second by Peter, accepted unanimously.

Bill Place handed out graphical representations of recycling tonnages for each of the categories recyclable at the transfer station, including annual data and an analysis of monthly variation. Based on the households information, also provided, about 20% of residents use the transfer station, not 15% as previously concluded. No other conclusions were drawn.

Discussion on how we would conduct the status quo audit was the first item. We all agreed that it would be done by callers identifying themselves as members of this committee and explaining our reason for the questionnaire. We further discussed getting the right person at each company, so that correct and appropriate responses are assured. It was agreed that we seek the person in charge of the Sudbury accounts and located in the region, not at a remote headquarters. It was agreed that we would include all the regular haulers we know of in town and the transfer station, but not any specialty haulers who only remove “junk” and “debris.” We further agreed that we would not attempt to include the various condo-complexes in town in the initial status quo assessment. We identified 4 known haulers in town, in addition to the transfer station: BP, Waste Management, Allied (BFI), and Mr. Trashman.

We then reviewed the questionnaire prepared in draft by Carolyn. Additions and corrections were made.

Action Item: Carolyn will convert the revised version to an excel spreadsheet and distribute to all committee members, and prepare an introductory script for the call.

Action Item: Craig will call all the multi-family (condo) sites in town and learn 1) how many units they have, 2) how many residents, and 3) how trash and recycling is currently done.

Action Item: Assignments for calling and conducting the questionnaire: **BP:** Tom; **WM:** Eric; **Allied:** Nancy; **Mr. Trashman:** John; **Transfer Station:** Peter.

September Meeting dates will be Sept. 6 and Sept. 20. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Attest:

Carolyn Lee, Clerk, SWMOC