

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT OPTIONS COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting October 17, 2007

Present: Craig Blake, Nancy Brumback, Peter Harvell, Carolyn Lee, John Pearson, Thomas Powers, Eric Richard. **Absent:** Thomas Young

The statutory requirements as to notice having been complied with, the meeting was convened at 7:34 p.m. in the Conference Room at the DPW Facility, 275 Old Lancaster Rd. The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. by Chairman John Pearson. In keeping with the agenda published in the previous minutes (10-03-07), the minutes were reviewed and accepted as presented. Move to accept by Eric, second by Craig, accepted unanimously.

Agenda Items: Eric presented the spreadsheet he had created from Tom's analysis, which includes a method to wait each of the items. The analysis is done by tallying for each town how different that town is from Sudbury on each of our criteria, then summing those differences and then rank ordering the towns. Eric also added some towns for our consideration. The group reached consensus on the criteria we would use, and based on that rank looked at the top 10 towns. Our town list thus far is: Sharon, Westford, Duxbury, Concord, Hopkinton, Holliston, Boxford, Wayland and Westborough.

Action: Eric will send to all committee members the spreadsheet with the revised weightings agreed upon in the meeting.

Action: Peter will visit town websites and determine the current waste management method(s) for each town selected and report back at the next meeting.

John Pearson reported that we will be meeting with the Selectmen on November 13th at 9pm. We agreed that we would present at that meeting a brief overview of our methodology to date, then of the 10 towns we consider most appropriate for comparison, we will name the 5 we consider essential to our list, and invite the Selectmen's opinions on two more to include, since we would like to consider 7 towns in our comparison. We will also present the questions we intend to ask the selected towns.

Action: Eric will begin drafting the presentation and Tom will write up the methodology he used to select the towns included in the analysis.

As part of our discussion, we again noted that Sudbury has no mechanism for a trash hauler to register with our Board of Health, as required of the hauler by MGL, Chapter 111, Section 31A and 31B.

Action: John will speak urgently to Maureen about our lack of registration procedures for trash haulers.

New Business: SWMOC members have been invited by Mary McCormick to participate in discussion about how town departments contract with a 3rd party for recycling. Some discussion followed about the status of our municipal recycling, but certain knowledge of the policies and procedures currently in place was not available among the attendees. As part of this discussion, we noted that this was one of those items that probably belongs in our final report, and beginning to build a list of those items was wise.

Action: Carolyn, as clerk, will begin building that list, based on committee suggestions.

Our primary agenda items for the next few meetings are:

November 7: Review planned presentation to Selectmen – finalize.

November 28: Review information from Selectmen's meeting and prepare questions for meeting with Merritt personnel on December 12, per John's conversation with Merritt.

December 12: Meeting with personnel from Merritt to review what they did before, listen to what new they have to offer and ask questions. This will be the only December meeting.

The next meeting will be November 7 at 7:30 pm at the DPW. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Attest:

Carolyn Lee, Clerk, SWMOC