

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT OPTIONS COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting September 20, 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 Thompson Room of the Flynn Building, 278 Old Sudbury Road. 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 (9-06-07), the minutes were reviewed and accepted as presented. Move to accept by Craig, second by Tom, accepted unanimously. Volunteer appreciation fly swatters were handed out to all members by chairman, John Pearson.

Old Business: Eric reported that he had the full information from his hauler and would distribute the Excel sheet with his results added. John reported lack of success in contacting Mr. Trashman, but since other members have seen the service still active, John will try again/ check the phone number he has. Tom will have the list of potential towns based on demographics for our consideration at the next meeting.

Agenda Items: Peter handed out a perspective on our milestones. After some discussion it was agreed that we are currently using the committee's Mission Statement and Responsibilities and Tasks for this purpose.

The main discussion of the meeting was about how we query the selected towns about their current procedures. Peter handed out a list of questions we might pose to other towns. We agreed that a broad set of questions would serve us best. The agreed upon questions are Attachment 1 at the end of this document. In addition to these general questions, the more specific ones, such as those used by the Merritt group in the North Andover Report and for fine detail those question tables in the Recycling Services Directory may be used.

The schedule for meetings through the end of the year was established. Based upon Carolyn's request, meetings are moving off of Thursday nights. The agreement is that we normally will have meetings on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month, except when holidays or other needs conflict. Meetings through year end will be: Oct 3, Oct 17, Nov 7, Nov 28 (4th Wed) and Dec 12 (2nd Wed).

Action: John will talk to Bill about having the Merritt group come in for presentation at the December meeting.

Action: John will talk to Maureen about whether anything is wanted from us for the April '08 town meeting in terms of proposed interim actions.

Action: John will write our committee report for the Annual Town Report and submit it to the group at the December meeting for approval.

The next meeting will be October 3. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Attest:

Carolyn Lee, Clerk, SWMOC

Attachment 1: Overview Questions to Ask Selected Towns

1. What is your current system for handling solid waste and recyclables?
Sub-questions: Does it include a transfer station? Does it serve businesses and multi-family dwellings?
2. How is your system funded? Sub-questions: Do you use stickers, fees, levies, a mixture?
Are there any special considerations for any community subsets?
3. Who manages the system?
4. Why are you doing what you are doing?
5. What is working well in your current system?
6. What would you change about this system if you could?
7. What are the incentives and/or deterrents you have towards increasing recycling that are built into the current system? Sub-questions: What has worked? What hasn't?