

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT OPTIONS COMMITTEE
Minutes of Meeting March 12, 2008

Present: Nancy Brumback, Carolyn Lee, John Pearson, Thomas Powers, Eric Richard

Absent: Craig Blake, Peter Harvell, Thomas Young

The statutory requirements as to notice having been complied with, the meeting was convened at 7:35 p.m. in the Conference Room at the DPW Building, 275 Old Lancaster Rd. The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Pearson. In keeping with the agenda, the minutes were reviewed and accepted as corrected. Move to accept by Tom, second by Eric, accepted unanimously.

Agenda Items: John reported that Craig had contacted both Allied and WMI. We have informational meetings scheduled with Stanley Walczak of Allied Waste on March 25 at our regular meeting and on April 2 with Jim Nocella of Waste Management. We discussed plans for those meetings. In addition to the list of questions already assembled by the committee and distributed prior to this meeting, Eric had some additional questions. We agreed not to send these questions ahead of time to the haulers.

Action Item: John will send a note to Maureen and to Bill Place, inviting them to come to either or both of these waste hauler meetings. John will also send a snail mail letter to Tucker Young inquiring as to his status on the committee, since he has been absent for 5 months.

Action Item: John will prepare an introduction for the haulers sharing what we are doing as a committee and what experience we've had to date.

Action Item: Eric will send additional questions created by he and John.

The primary topic of discussion for the evening was how we get to a conclusion in the timeframe we have and what further actions are required. An integral part of this is how we gather public input. It was agreed that we will have two public meetings, one before we develop a detailed proposal and one after. At the initial meeting we will present a summary of our mission, actions to date, what we've learned from the Haulers and from other towns and then compare this information to the Sudbury status quo. We will then solicit questions, concerns and input on priorities from residents. Nancy volunteered to write the press release at the appropriate time, but John to submit.

Milestones agreed upon were:

- Initial Public Meeting: After Town Meeting and Before summer
 - Use April 16 meeting to review hauler conversations and finalize the structure for our presentation at public meeting.
 - Begin to prepare presentation in March & April, to be completed at May 7 meeting and sent to Selectmen
 - Be prepared to meet with Selectmen at their May 13 meeting, if they wish.
 - Target is for May 21 public meeting, if that date is suitable.
- Over the summer begin writing sections of (Preliminary) Report to Selectmen as tasks are completed.
- Develop questionnaire over the summer to gather further input.
 - Administer questionnaire in August & September
- Develop proposal for action during October for delivery of Preliminary Report to Selectmen with recommendations by Nov. 1.

- Arrange for and meet with key town committees (as per our Mission Statement) to share our proposal and receive concerns, assistance and feedback during November and December.
- Complete Final report after feedback from Selectmen – November/ December
- Have a second public meeting in January/ February to convey to the townspeople the proposal, rationale, and opportunities discovered.
- Be prepared to further assist as requested (or not) in preparing (if decided upon) Warrant Article(s) for '09 Town Meeting.

Action Item: Eric will begin drafting presentation for use at public meeting. Carolyn will assist in the towns comparison section.

Action Item: John will ask Maureen about proposed date for meeting and other things we need to consider in scheduling one, such as where it should be held, should we televise, who keeps the minutes, and are the special rules we need to follow.

Action Item: John will ask Mark Thompson about logistics of a questionnaire that is based in how it is done on what was learned from the Park & Rec questionnaire.

The next Meeting Date is Tuesday, March 25 at 7:30 pm in the DPW Conference Room, 275 Old Lancaster Road, at which time Allied Waste will be present for part of the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Attest:

Carolyn Lee, Clerk, SWMOC