

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT OPTIONS COMMITTEE
Minutes of Meeting May 28, 2008

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 Building, 275 Old Lancaster Rd. The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Pearson. In keeping with the agenda, the minutes of the May 7 meeting were accepted as presented by unanimous vote.

Most of the meeting was spent discussing and revising the draft public questionnaire (rev 3) as revised by Nancy, based on the May 7 meeting inputs. Suggestions from “home testing” of the questionnaire and feedback from our reviews were combined to form a substantial revision. Mark Thompson had inquired whether we wanted to verify email responses addresses and we decided not to do that.

Action Item: Nancy will prepare revision (4) and distribute to members prior to next meeting. Members will review it closely for editorial issues and get back to Nancy prior to the meeting, so that a Final Revision discussion is possible at the June 16 meeting.

Action Item: John will forward the revised version (4) to Mark Thompson for comments.

Discussion of dispersal methods and maximizing town participation continued. The questionnaire will be available on the town website. Computer links from the following sites to the document on the town website will be sought (responsible person): Park and Rec (Nancy), Earth Decade Committee (Eric), Churches (all who can), Senior Center, Library, K-8 schools, LSRHS and the Water District. In addition, Nancy will write an article for the Town Crier. (Some of this is repetitive from last meeting, but assures we have the entire placement list in one document.)

Action Item: Establish at June 16 meeting responsible members for seeking posting on websites of remaining places noted above: Senior Center, Library, K-8 schools, Water District and any churches.

Issues with how to handle print versions as opposed to the on-line were discussed. Since we cannot provide the current costs calculator in the print version, estimates and ranges will be provided. Printed questionnaires will be made available at the Senior Center, Landfill Put & Take, and the Goodnow Library. We will seek to have drop off boxes for completed ones at the same locations. For mailing, we (can) have a SWMOC box in the Flynn Building (where drop off would also be possible). The issue of data entry for the printed versions was discussed, but not resolved. Various ways to handle sample bias in the analysis of the questionnaires were also discussed, but no decisions taken.

It was decided that we intend to finalize the questionnaire at the June 16 meeting, then send it electronically to the Selectmen and prepare for distribution.

Action Item: John will contact Maureen Valente on the topic of a public hearing. (Left over from last meeting.)

The next meeting date is Monday, June 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the Thompson Conference Room of the Flynn Building. The committee will attempt to finalize the questionnaire. Summer meetings are on July 9th and August 13th at the DPW.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Attest:

Carolyn Lee, Clerk SWMOC