

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT OPTIONS COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting October 22, 2008

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

The statutory requirements as to notice having been complied with, the meeting was convened at 7:37 p.m. in the DPW Conference Room. The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Pearson. In keeping with the agenda, the minutes of the October 1 meeting were accepted as presented by unanimous vote.

The focus of the meeting was on finalizing the presentation for the public hearing and on handling analysis of the survey results. It was agreed that Craig's suggested list of survey outputs guide the initial analysis of the data. Discussion of items to be in the final report also began.

Action: Craig and John will complete manual entry of survey results into Excel sheet and forward to Carolyn

Action: Carolyn will combine all results and summarize.

Action: Eric will integrate survey results into the presentation.

Action: Nancy will make name plates for the hearing.

It was noted that several residents have inquired to the SWMOC about the proposed contract letters recently received from Allied Waste. The committee takes no position on such items, but agreed that John would advise residents to read the contract carefully. It did not appear that it was necessary to sign the contract in order to continue service. It did appear that the contracts were designed to preclude customers from signing up for any town-wide program.

A recommendation was made that, if any RFP for such a program is made, it would stipulate that in order to bid on the RFP, a waste hauler would have to agree that any resident choosing to participate was allowed to cancel any terms of service contract without penalty.

Recommendations to the Board of Health regarding licensing of waste haulers, as mandated in the Massachusetts recycling law, will also be included in the final report.

The next meeting will be Nov 3 at 7:30 p.m. at the Goodnow Library in the 2nd floor small meeting room. The meeting on November 19 at 7:30 pm will be in the DPW conference room. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Attest: Carolyn Lee, Clerk