

Minutes: SWMOC Meeting 21 January 2009

Present: John Pearson, Peter Harvell, Nancy Brumback, Craig Blake, Tom Powers (clerking)

The meeting convened at 7:40pm.

The minutes of the 19 November 2008 meeting were approved unanimously, without modification.

The chairman reported that the committee's submission to the Town Report was delivered.

Craig Blake indicated that he had asked Dan Stevens for suggestions for improvement of the Transfer Station.

The principal activity of the meeting was review of assigned items submitted by committee members as inputs to SWMOC final report.

Craig asked whether or how the usage projects Nancy made in her report could be justified by motive or statistics. Nancy agreed to research for existing justification. Nancy's report also dealt with the possible effects of a pay-to-recycle sticker for the transfer station's finances and operation. Would such a program produce a disincentive to recycle? Would the cost of such a program affect the transfer station's enterprise funding? Or its capital reserves? The committee declined to propose what such a fee might be.

Carolyn Lee's report (in her absence) made reference to the prospect of whether large haulers have an implicit competitive advantage based on their size. A mention of \$300 per year fees in relation to a program in Bedford was questioned and needs elaboration.

The acting clerk made a plea that all documents distributed within the committee should have a date and an author attached for attribute and indication of currency.

The next meetings are scheduled for February 4 and February 25.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.