

DRAFT HSWC minutes

4-27-2015

(5-9-15 version)

(tasks in bold)

Present: Shawn Kelley, Martha McDaniel, Todd Allen, Rich Menge, Harry Kendrick

Meeting convened at 5:39 PM

Agenda:

1. Approve Meeting Minutes 3/23/2015
2. Discuss Town Recycling/Solid Waste/Composting survey
3. Other business

Discussed:

1. Approve Meeting Minutes -3/9/2015

Rich moved approval; Harry seconded; approved unanimously

2. Details of Town Recycling/Solid Waste/Composting survey

a. Version from 3-23-15 reviewed. After lengthy discussion (aim: keep survey short; ask only questions that might affect the design of curbside service, or help focus education efforts), we decided to add:

i. What village of the Town of Hartford is closest to where you live?

- Hartford
- Quechee
- West Hartford
- White River Junction
- Wilder
- other

ii. What age range best describes you?

- 20-29
- 30-39
- 40-49
- 50-59
- 60-69
- 70+

iii. to list of haulers: add A.B.L.E.

iv. Preamble: Insert, "The consultant the Town hired advises that it would be cheaper per household if one single hauler were contracted to pick up each household's solid waste / recyclables (as is done in some other Upper Valley towns) ..."

b. survey distribution: via

- listserv
- municipal bldg. (paper copies)
- at transfer station – perhaps at Hazardous Waste Collection event on June 6 (paper copies)
- Facebook page
- Town website (post link)

c. electronic platform for survey

- ? SurveyMonkey
- ?same platform used by Vital Communities for recent Townwide transportation survey
(Martha will ask Bethany Fleishman about this)

4/29 from Bethany: “Yes, we can use VC's survey tool. It's pretty advanced and time-consuming to program, so depending on the survey, a free online tool might work better.”

d. offer a prize (increases participation rate): recycling bin

e. clear with Selectboard: will send next approved version to Selectboard Chair for approval

See below for revised survey draft.

3. Other business

a. Whether we should recommend that Hartford join the GUVSWMD

Do the economics make sense? Probably not (we'd be assuming debt within the next few years). Benefits would include having access to a composting site, if one were to be developed there; and possibly getting as-yet-undefined help with public education/outreach about household solid waste (necessary for us to do more than we are currently, to comply with probable HSW implementation plan).

b. work for next meeting:

- approve final questionnaire version
- discuss final report to Selectboard

Meeting adjourned at 6:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha McDaniel

To residents of the Town of Hartford:

The Solid Waste Committee was commissioned in 2013 by the Selectboard to advise it about various aspects of waste management in the Town at this time of rapid change. There are many possible ways in which the Town might alter the ways it handles household trash, recycling, and food scraps. To help guide the process, we'd appreciate learning about you and your preferences.

THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THIS SURVEY!

1. Do you live in the Town of Hartford? (please check one):

no (if no, please don't complete the rest of this survey. Thank you!)

yes (Please go to question 2.)

2. What village of the Town of Hartford is closest to where you live?

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other

3. . What age range best describes you?

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2. Do you/your household now choose how to dispose of your trash (that is, nobody else manages this for you)?

no

yes

The consultant the Town hired advises that it would be cheaper per household if one single hauler were contracted to pick up each household's solid waste / recyclables (as is done in some other Upper Valley towns).

IF we were to choose for the Town to sponsor curbside pickup of trash, recyclables, (and perhaps food scraps), here's ROUGHLY what might happen:

- materials would be picked up every other week;
- materials would be picked up from the same locations where recyclables are now picked up in the Town-sponsored curbside recycling program;
- the Town would contract with one company to pick up all materials in Town;
- you'd have to put the materials out in "toters" (covered wheeled containers) that would be provided for you; and
- overall, the cost per household (paid quarterly by bill or covered by your property taxes) would be less than people typically pay now to have their trash removed.

3. Do you favor the idea of Town-sponsored trash pickup as described above?

no

yes

4. Could you or your household manage to get a “toter” (covered wheeled container) to the closest public road for trash pickup?

no

yes

unsure

5. Do you currently pay someone directly to take away your trash?

no (please go to question 6)

yes

If yes, whom do you pay for this service (please check ONE box only):

Casella

More Waste Solutions

Beauchene’s Waste Service

F. Oakes Disposal

A.B.L.E.

other

6. Do you use the Hartford Transfer Station?

no (You are done with this survey. THANK YOU!)

yes (Please answer Question 7 below.)

7. IF it should happen that the Hartford Transfer Station needs to be open fewer days per week than it is currently open, what would be your TWO most convenient days to use the Transfer Station? (Please check only TWO.)

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

You are done with this survey. THANK YOU!