

HSWC minutes
6-8-2015
(6-19-15 version)
(tasks in **bold**)

Present: Shawn Kelley, Martha McDaniel, Todd Allen, Rich Menge, Bethany Fleishman, Simon Dennis

Meeting convened at 5:41PM

Agenda:

1. Approve Meeting Minutes of 5-11-15
2. Discussion of Final Report
3. Discussion of Variable Rate Pricing Ordinance (see attachment)
4. Hartford Community Coalition Block Party 6/10/15
5. Other business

Discussed:

1. Meeting Minutes -5/11/2015

Bethany moved, and Simon seconded, that the draft detailed minutes be accepted as submitted. Unanimous support.

2. Final committee report to Selectboard

In general, the group supported adoption of the multi-edited version. Some changes and additions suggested were:

- a. addition of Executive Summary, including bulleted recommendations
- b. add appendices: 2012 DSM report to Hartford; Act 148 summary, perhaps others (documents useful to Selectboard for reference in the future as issues re-emerge)
- c. change structure of report: add special section concerning our findings (to provide Selectboard with a heads-up about major pending issues, giving them a framework for approaching same).

So, desired structure is:

- I. Executive Summary
 - recommendation 1
 - recommendation 2
 - etc.

II. Charge 1.

- A. Findings
- B. Recommendations

III. Charge 2.

- A. Findings
 - B. Recommendations
- etc.

Appendices

- d. discussions concerning specific charges and content
 - i. regionalization*
(See previous meeting minutes, also, on this topic.)

the GUVSWMD: one reason to support / consider joining has been to help keep the valuable resource, its permitted landfill site. But we note with interest that they are planning to allow some of its permits to expire, and are also selling 3 acres (for relief of ongoing budget struggles). Conclusion – this probably demonstrates lack of unified GUVSWMD will to maintain the resource, so that puts less pressure on Hartford to be a strong proponent.

ii. future of Hartford transfer station

Much discussion concerning the pros and cons of changing from user-sort to single-stream collection of mandated recyclables at the transfer station.

pros	cons
might attract more transfer station users to bring recycling (increase recycling rate overall)	Sales of sorted recyclables are an important source of transfer station revenue (tens of thousands of dollars). Change to single-stream would not only lose this income, but incur costs for contracting to have materials go to MRF (@\$60/ton, 600 tons = \$36,000).
might allow reduced staffing	probably wouldn't allow reduction in transfer station staffing because of myriad other functions the station fulfills

Our recommendation at this time: IF the Town moves to curbside pickup of combined trash + recyclables, Selectboard might want to re-analyze this question.

3. proposed Variable Rate Pricing Ordinance

Institution of this ordinance is required by our SWIP; topic is on Selectboard agenda for its next meeting. The specific ordinance to be discussed is adapted for us, from an ANR draft. The new element is that it requires private haulers to institute variable rate pricing for HSW.

We agree with the draft as submitted.

4. solid waste information table at public “block party” 6-9-15

Content for posters and handouts decided.

5. tasks

- ***Todd will re-format the current version of our final report to the Selectboard according to decisions above, and circulate for comments.***
- ***Martha will draft summary of our findings about composting issues.***

Meeting adjourned at 7:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha McDaniel