

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT OPTIONS COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting January 23, 2008

Present: Craig Blake, Peter Harvell, Carolyn Lee, John Pearson, Thomas Powers, Eric Richard

Absent: Thomas Young, Nancy Brumback

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 were reviewed and accepted as presented. Move to accept by Tom, second by Craig, accepted unanimously.

Agenda Items: Data gathering from the comparison towns was discussed. Not all members had yet contacted their towns. It was decided that initially all reports would be narrative, and efforts to organize this into any tabular form would wait until we saw the information.

Action Item: All members will attempt to conduct initial interviews and send out narrative summary of interview prior to the next meeting on February 6.

The possible courses of action, how we decide what these are, how to present them and when/ how to gather community input were all discussed. The idea of understanding where the cost savings may outweigh other factors was highlighted. Options for input included a questionnaire distributed similarly to the Park & Rec one. We decided to draw no conclusions until we reviewed the comparative town information.

New Business: Eric debriefed us on the Mass Recycle Conference in Worcester. One of the things noted repeatedly at that meeting was that enforcement of the state mandatory recycling laws was an essential element in town programs that had greatly increased recycling. He also noted that single vs. multi-stream recycling is now a “hot” topic, with each approach having different advantages.

The next Meeting Date is Wednesday, February 6 at 7:30 pm in the DPW Conference Room, 275 Old Sudbury Road. The following meeting is on Wednesday February 27.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Attest:

Carolyn Lee, Clerk, SWMOC