

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT OPTIONS COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting October 1, 2008

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

Absent: Thomas Young

The statutory requirements as to notice having been complied with, the meeting was convened at 7:33 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 September 10 meeting were accepted as presented by unanimous vote.

The focus of the meeting was on preparation of the presentation for the public hearing and on handling analysis of the survey results. Eric had prepared a presentation for the hearing, which summarized the history of what SWMOC has done and the reason for the hearing. The committee members worked together to edit the presentation with many thanks to Eric for giving us a great draft to edit.

Action: Eric will do final check of the edited presentation for typos and consistency and then provide it to the group.

We discussed the idea of “experts” to back up John at the hearing. It was decided that not all areas needed that, but the following were volunteered.

Tom will answer the question: What is the problem with the status quo?

Eric will explain single-stream recycling and why it is beneficial overall to the towns recycling.

Carolyn will answer the question: Why would a current user of the landfill choose to switch to a program like the option discussed, knowing it will be more expensive than landfill sticker and bags.

Action: Carolyn will bring a laptop to the hearing and serve as stenographer for the meeting.

It was noted that John never submitted a letter to the Editor of the Town Crier.

Nancy prepared a press release announcing the public hearing, and it was accepted as presented.

Action: Nancy will forward this to Cable Channel 8 and Town Crier, etc at appropriate timing.

Survey results were briefly discussed.

Action: Members responsible for written copy sites will pick up the last of those, enter them into the Excel program and forward that to Carolyn by October 15.

Action: Carolyn will integrate all the responses into a single Excel document and tally results. Any adjustments that need to be made will be duly noted, including the agreement of our last meeting for tallying \sqrt marks as a 1 and flagging that record.

Action: The results of the survey will be summarized in a press release right After the hearing.

The next meeting will be October 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the DPW conference room.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Attest:

Carolyn Lee
Clerk