

Solid Waste Removal and Recycle Committee Meeting Minutes – October 18, 2017

Members present: Ron Morales and Dan Guilmette, Excused Absence: Rob Caron and Bud Staples

Attendees: Pete Lachapelle, Waste Management (WM)

Meeting called to order @ 6:00 PM by Chair Ron Morales

The Committee reviewed the recycling and solid waste tonnage activity for Q3 of 2017. Pete (WM) brought to the attention of the committee that the recycle plastics and paper values continued to drop. Only plastic numbers 1, 2, and 5 are saleable. WM has had difficulty in disposing recycled materials. China, who was the largest consumer, has reduced their demands and there is a glut on the market. Supply far exceeds demand.

Pete provided the data on the White Goods/E Waste pickup that occurred on October 16th. A total of 75 items were picked up. 50 E-Waste Items and 25 White Goods items. This compares with the Town Clerks Sticker Sales of 72. The discrepancy lies in that some items were picked up with none or fewer stickers purchased, as well as, some locations purchased more stickers than items picked up.

Discrepancy Analysis:

3 Blue Heron Ct.	2 items No Sticker Purchase	-2
7 Deer Run	3 items 4 Stickers Purchased	+1
142 Haverhill Rd.	2 items 1 Sticker Purchased	-1
26 Main St.	1 Item 2 Stickers Purchased	+1
101 Powwow River	2 items No Sticker Purchase	-2
6 Robin Ln	1 item No Sticker Purchase	-1
23 Stage Coach Rd	2 item 1 Sticker Purchased	-1
	Total	-6

This does not agree with the WM data, as it is off by 6 vs. the 3 comparing the two reports. This discrepancy may be the result of unused stickers that were purchased in prior years being used in this year's pickup.

Per our meeting in July, the SWRC requested that WM investigate the feasibility of weekly pickup of recyclables vs. the bi-weekly pickup we currently have. The incremental cost would be an additional \$5900 per month. New equipment would have to be purchased to accomplish this, thus contributing to the increased cost. WM is working on a plan to reallocate equipment from other areas in 2018 to meet their customers' needs. It is expected that this would reduce the additional cost to a lower number.

Pete said that WM has a new website that has an excellent tutorial on recycling. He will send us a link that we can then post on the Town's website.

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on January 17, 2018 at 5:00 PM at the Pound School. We decided to set 2018 meeting times at 5 PM.

The meeting dates for 2018 are:

January 17th
April 18th
July 18th
October 17th

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM.

Ron Morales
Ron Morales, Chairman