

## Solid Waste Removal and Recycle Committee Meeting Minutes – October 21, 2015

Members present: Ron Morales, Dan Guilmette, and Bud Staples (Absent: Rob Caron)

Attendees: Pete Lachapelle (WM)

Meeting called to order @ 7:00 PM by Chair Ron Morales

Topics discussed:

- Pete Lachapelle (WM) provided a recap list of the white goods and E-Waste picked up in the town. A total of 61 items showed in the report, although Pete noticed some duplication in the list that he said he would review. The bill to the town was \$1,915 before any correction for duplication. The information provided at the meeting was that a quantity of 38 \$10 tickets for white goods or E-Waste were sold to residents. Ron said he would check again with the Town Clerk's office to see if 38 tickets was a final count and if so, a determination of why the discrepancy would be initiated. Pete said he would email a soft copy of the items to the committee members. A suggestion was made to enter the cost of the tickets on next year's Waste Management calendar that is distributed throughout the community.
- A discussion took place regarding participation to educate the community during the upcoming primary election (Jan/Feb) and during the town election on March 8<sup>th</sup>. Pete said he would be taking part with WM corporate handouts. The suggestion of having a drawing associated with a contest for correctly answering a recycle questionnaire was also recommended. The efforts would be made to help increase the amount of recycling that takes place in the town, thereby reducing the solid waste generated. Currently we are recycling at a rate of 32%. It should take little effort to improve this to 40%. Dan pointed out that he read an article in the Wall Street Journal that quoted Europe as recycling 65% of their waste.
- The committee agreed on quarterly dates for meeting in 2016. The dates selected were January 20<sup>th</sup>, April 20<sup>th</sup>, July 20<sup>th</sup>, and October 19<sup>th</sup>. All meetings will begin at 6:00PM.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

On October 22, 2015, the Town Clerk's office reported that 56 tickets had been sold and two duplications were reported on the pick-up list provided by Waste Management. A total of \$560 was collected to offset the collection costs.

William (Bud) Staples

Secretary