

Solid Waste Removal and Recycle Committee Meeting Minutes – October 16, 2019

Members present: Ron Morales, Dan Guilmette, Amy MacDonald and Bud Staples

Attendees: Pete Lachapelle, Waste Management (WM)

Meeting called to order @ 4:30 PM by Chair Ron Morales

Ron read the Non-Public Minutes of September 25, 2019 to the members of the Committee. Bud Motioned to accept the Minutes as read. Amy Seconded. All were in favor.

The Committee briefly reviewed the quarterly data for the July through September period which continues to consistently show 31% for recycled waste. The big change was in the reduction of Bulk waste which totaled 22 tons for the current year compared to 82.5 tons in 2018 and 70.7 tons in 2017. Credit was given to the implementation of the Bulk waste sticker program implemented in 2019.

Ron stated that next year's Trash and Recycling Collection Services flyer should have added language to make Bulk stickers available sooner for the next scheduled pickup. Also to be added would be language to define how Cricket Hill and Maplevale Condominiums would be included in future Bulk Waste and White Goods/eWaste pickups as they are presently excluded.

With the reduction in Bulk Waste tonnage, Ron asked if the collection cost could be reduced. Pete responded that the collection cost variable only pertains to tonnage collected, and not the flat rate for each one day event.

Bud asked if anyone had heard from the Board of Selectmen regarding a decision to proceed with our recommendation regarding a new contract. No one on the Committee had heard from the BOS regarding a decision.

2020 Committee quarterly meeting dates were discussed and set for January 15th at 4:00 PM at the Pound School (our next meeting) and tentatively set for April 15th, July 15th and October 14th all at 4:00 PM at the Pound School.

Ron Motioned to Adjourn, Dan Seconded. All were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 5:12 PM.

William (Bud) Staples

Recording Secretary