

## Solid Waste Removal and Recycle Committee Meeting Minutes – October 14, 2020

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

Attendees: Pete Lachapelle, Waste Management (WM)

Meeting called to order @ 4:02 PM by Chair Ron Morales

A review of the data for the YTD period showed an increase in overall solid waste and recycling tonnage of 777 tons vs. 742 tons in 2019. The vast increase in tonnage was in solid waste as recycled waste remained the same tonnage as prior year. The primary reason noted was that with Covid-19, more residents are working and staying home, traveling less and generating more waste. The recycled waste as a percentage of the whole, was 30.3% for the first 9 months of 2020.

The September Bulk Waste pickup was a popular event with 397 stickers being issued with revenue of \$825 collected. The SWR & RC held sticker distribution and sales on two Saturday mornings in September due to the town offices being closed. Waste Management collected 8.7 tons of bulk waste which added to the spring collection totaled 21.3 tons of bulk waste for 2020. This compared to the 22 tons collected during 2019.

Our Committee also sold stickers for the White Goods and eWaste pickup to be held on October 19<sup>th</sup>. This was accomplished during the Bulk Waste sticker sales events in September and also on October 10<sup>th</sup>. We collected \$1,770 for 118 stickers. This was three times the volume compared to 2019 sales. As a point of reference, the \$15 stickers offset only a portion of the \$35 cost per item paid by the Town of East Kingston.

Discussion took place regarding the requirement to buy stickers for the 2021 pickups. Rob Caron is leading this search with multiple label printing companies.

The Committee scheduled quarterly meetings for 2021 on the following dates: Jan 20<sup>th</sup>, April 21<sup>st</sup>, July 21<sup>st</sup>, and October 20<sup>th</sup>. All to be held at Pound School at 4:00 PM.

Pete (WM) stated that he hoped to start the process of preparing the Trash and Recycling Program Guide earlier next year and that we may see a draft at the January meeting.

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2021 at 4:00 PM at the Pound School.

Meeting adjourned @ 4:29 PM.

William (Bud) Staples

Recording Secretary