

## Solid Waste Removal and Recycle Committee Meeting Minutes – July 19, 2017

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

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 Q2 of 2017. Ron pointed out the high solid waste tonnage for May (75.07 tons) vs. what averages approximately 50 tons in other months. One of the reasons noted was that May had a 5 week collection period vs. 4 collections most months. Pete also mentioned that the collection of bulk waste had increased significantly (44 tons in May) and that he believed the increase was due to people in neighboring towns adding bulk waste neighboring East Kingston collection sites.

Pete (WM) brought to the attention of the committee that there were three equipment breakdowns that caused one day delays in each of one recycling pickup and 2 trash pickups. This is unusual, but can and occasionally does occur.

Bud mentioned that public notices in the local Exeter paper incorrectly gave the meeting notice for this meeting to be at the Public Library at 7:00 pm. He also noted that the town office website stated the committee meets at 6:30 pm.

REMINDERS: The next bulk pickup date is Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>. The annual whitegoods/e-waste pickup date is October 16<sup>th</sup>. Items being discarded in the whitegoods/e-waste pickup will require a sticker that can be purchased from the town offices for \$15/item and notification to Waste Management. Items without stickers will not be collected.

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on October 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM at the Pound School. Pete will provide a cost analysis of weekly recycle pickups for review and consideration.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM.

William (Bud) Staples

Recording Secretary