

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

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

Attendees: Pete Lachapelle, Waste Management (WM)

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

The meeting location changed from Pound School to the Public Library due to construction at Pound School.

The Committee reviewed the recycling and solid waste tonnage the Q1 of 2017. Total tonnage was 222.2 tons which matched 2016 total tonnage for the same period in 2016. The amount of recycled waste in Q1 of 2017 was 64.6 tons or 29%. This was a 10% reduction compared to that of Q1 in 2016. It was also noted that the town is benefitting from rebates due to favorable tip fees on the recycled tonnage. Ron reported that this was the first time in years that the town has received rebates for recycled waste.

Pete (WM) brought to the attention of the committee that an incident occurred several weeks earlier when one of WM's trucks broke down and recycled waste was collected by manual means. One resident had placed contaminant waste within the recycling material and the WM workers refused to take the waste. Ron asked that when this happens in the future to let him know the address so that a letter could be sent to that residence from Town officials.

The annual mailing of the WM flyers was distributed by US mail to town residences during the second week of April. Significant dates of interest included two scheduled bulk pick-up dates of May 22nd and Sept. 25th followed by one whitegoods/e-waste pick up date of October 16th.

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on July 19th at 6:00 PM at the Pound School.

Meeting adjourned at 6:23 PM.

William (Bud) Staples

Recording Secretary