**Solid Waste Removal and Recycle Meeting Minutes**

January 3, 2024

Members present: Ron Morales, Dan Guilmette, Rob Caron, Paula Newcomb

Attendees: Peter Lachapelle, Waste Management,

Meeting called to order @ 4:03PM by Chair Ron Morales

**Review of 2023 Budget**: Ron led the discussion about the final stages of the 2023 budget.

Total Mixed Solid Waste was 738.77 tons for the year versus 720.16 for 2022. Recycled material was down to 274.15 tons from 283.21tons in 2022.

White goods cost was an actual of $2732.500 vs. a budget of $5,000. The group was surprised to see an increase in the assessment of cost for Hazardous Waste Collection Day. The town was assessed $2,005.56 vs. a budget of $1500.

At the end of November, we had a balance of $50,630 which should have covered December. We will know more when the final numbers are in.

Recycle values increased as 2023 progressed. We had a budget of $165 for processing fees and we were under that amount. Peter from WM is optimistic that recycle values for the first quarter should be stable, barring any unforeseen international crises.

**Budget for 2024:** The budgetfor 2024 is $325,700 which is an increase of4% over last year.

**New Contract:** It should be noted that this is the last year of our 5 year contract with Waste Management. The committee will begin to research and solicit bids for a new 5 year contract this year which will take effect in 2025.

**Election of New officers:** Nomination and election of officers were made. Dan nominated the current slate of officers, with motion seconded and passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:25 PM to enter a non public session to discuss the new contracts.

Dan Guilmette

Recording Secretary Pro Tem