

## Draft minutes solid waste

The Solid Waste Committee of Norwich met on Thursday November 11 at 7 p.m. via Zoom with a physical presence on the front steps of Tracy Hall, which had been abruptly closed that day. One member of the public attended by telephone. With the appointment of two new committee members by the Select Board on Nov. 10, we had a full complement of five members attending.

Linda Cook was the sole public participant.

We approved our past minutes and approved the agenda. The committee continues to operate on a consensus basis and any decisions are unanimous unless stated otherwise.

We welcomed new members Bonnie Blake and Lily Terry.

The Selectboard left it up to the committee to establish the terms of these two members. After a discussion, we chose to make Lily's term a year assignment available for renewal in March 2022, and Bonnie's appointment a two year assignment available for renewal in the spring of 2023. We had two unanimous votes, one for each seat on the committee.

We introduced the new members to the requirements of the Open Meeting Law.

Scherer reported that we face a delay in beginning the previously approved installation of a contractor's textile bins, because a labor shortage has put off the ability to deliver the new bins to the town.

We discussed with new members the roles they could play, especially in terms of educating the public on waste and recycling operations.

One area of focus in the next few months will be designing, producing and installing simple signs for the public at the transfer station. Cushman has some ability to do the sign layout. Cook offered to work with Blake and Terry on this as well.

Cushman said the cost of this is expected to be very low, probably just a few dollars per sign.

For example, people need to be educated about the kinds of plastic recycling that now must be pulled out of the recycling stream.

Linda Cook offered to arrange a tour of the transfer station for the new members, and the three of them agreed to try to find a mutually convenient time.

Scherer suggested that we set a timetable for reviewing the Casella services contract which was renewed early this year for a one year period. This will be an agenda item for a future meeting.

There were no additional public comments.

The meeting adjourned by consensus at approximately 7:50 pm.