

DRAFT MINUTES, Norwich Solid Waste Committee, regular meeting January 13, 2022

The committee met with Jack Cushman at Tracy Hall and other members on Zoom: Andy Scherer, Lily Terry and Bonnie Blake.

In attendance via Zoom were Claudette Brochu and public members Carolyn Frye by Zoom and Linda Cook by telephone via Zoom.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved. The agenda was modified to allow Paul Albee, who manages the transfer station, to share his experiences with the committee speaking as an additional member of the public.

Scherer noted that Alex Thorngren has resigned from the committee and the vacancy will be filled in the coming months.

The committee agreed that Scherer will fill the slot of vice chairman.

Paul Albee was introduced as a guest to comment on the committee's plans to improve communication with the public on operations at the transfer station, especially how the public can do better at sorting waste streams in ways that improve environmental outcomes and may benefit the town financially by raising the value of our wastes and reducing the labor demands for resorting improperly classified wastes, etc.

Among the projects we discussed:

Production of stickers and brochures to be distributed at the site or in some other fashion.

Bringing the town web site up to date about current rules and operations at the transfer station, and possibly having the committee manage an informational site that is accessible from the town site and would function as a bulletin board (but not as a way to gather input from town citizens).

Participating as a committee in the annual town review of rates and charges at the transfer station. These are typically adjusted in July.

Learning about the Lebanon "app" that allows users to scan an item and learn whether it can be recycled and how.

Paul's appearance took up much of the meeting and while we had a brief discussion of various approaches to managing a committee Web site, including using the models of the Energy Committee and the Conservation Commission, we did not make any decisions.

Committee adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Minutes by Jack Cushman