

## DRAFT MINUTES, Solid Waste Committee, monthly meeting 3/09/23

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Norwich Solid Waste Committee

Regular monthly meeting, March 9, 2023

Committee met via Zoom. Quorum comprised Jack Cushman, Andy Scherer and Linda Cook. Carolyn Frye attended as a member of the public.

Cushman is assembling all correspondence and minutes from his term as chair so we can ensure continuity of our records.

Cushman's term expires this month and he is not seeking reappointment to the committee so we have at least one vacancy. Selectboard should advertise for new applicants. Cushman is willing to continue on committee if needed to make a quorum and will continue to work as member of the public / volunteer on future educational projects.

We completed work and approved printing of a pamphlet instructing residents about the town transfer station's recycling practices, to help reduce costs and increase revenues there. Cushman obtained approval from DPW to spend up to \$300 to print 1,000 copies. An on line printer will do this job for less than \$300 and there is a \$75-off coupon on Friday, March 10 which we can use to minimize the cost. Cushman has asked the town for permission to pay out of his pocket and receive a reimbursement.

The committee reminds the office of the town manager and the Selectboard that there is an opportunity to significantly reduce the food-waste haulage fee by renegotiating the contract with Casella, the contractor for the transfer station. We estimate available savings of \$10,000 a year.