

The Norwich Solid Waste Committee met in a Special meeting, Fri., Mar. 3, 2023 at 9 a.m.
Tracy Hall multipurpose room

The committee met in person. Cushman, Cook, Scherer were present. One member of the public (Carolyn Frye) attended.

Discussion of pending expiration and/or renewal of committee appointments. Cushman will leave the committee upon completion of his initial term this month. Scherer and Cook will continue with their terms. Lily Terry has said she will renew her term for one year. Committee agreed by consensus to remind the new Selectboard of the committee vacancy/ies. Cushman said he would like to continue assisting the committee as a volunteer to complete ongoing work on pamphlets, signs and Web communications.

Discussion of ongoing communication and education projects (pamphlet, signs, web site etc.) Look over two versions of pamphlet and consider printing options. Reviewed changes to Andy's draft. Cushman will present a printable copy and a price estimate at our regular meeting on Thursday, Mar 9 at 7 pm on Zoom.

Discussion of pending annual renewal of solid waste contractor agreement. Committee agreed to remind the Selectboard (via these minutes) of the opportunity to save an estimated \$10,000 in the food-waste collection prices, as alternative haulers are available. Committee requests from Town Manager a copy of the pending renewal materials, for review.

Discussion of town auditor comments on financial controls at transfer station. Committee agreed that this is a matter for the town manager and DPW to manage, under Selectboard direction, and understands the Selectboard has this issue on its future agenda. Committee does not consider this part of its charge, which is focused on educating the public.

Frye remarked on the new textile-recycling bins in town, had suggestions for making instructions more available for their use, and said Sustainable Hanover is examining a similar project. Bins are at St. Barnabas and Dan & Whits and are not on town land, not a project of the transfer station or DPW, not costing anything and not part of committee's continuing work, beyond educating people in town about them.

Cushman said that before he departs he will assemble committee papers and communications, review status of past minutes for the record.

Adjourn