

## Solid Waste Committee (SWC) Meeting Minutes from Monday 12/16/2024

Attendance: Andy Scherer, Bram Litvinoff, Lory Pearson and Jordan Mueller (phone)

Meeting began at 5:35 pm    Adjourn at 6:35pm

The meeting minutes from 11/14/24 were approved without changes.

Scherer added one item to the agenda: He updated the committee that he resubmitted the SWC's proposed budget to the select board (SB) which included the licensing fee for the Betterbin app. TM Duffy briefly spoke about the reasoning for this resubmission. The submitted budget was accepted in correspondence for the SB meeting. Scherer also went on to explain that he addressed the SB about the SWC needing an additional platform through which they can provide information to transfer station users. Namely, the transfer station website is not as user friendly and informative as it could and should be. The SWC respects the SB's preference for town committees to not have independent websites but wanted them to know what currently is available is lacking. Mueller added that he had gotten the DPW director's approval for updating information and removing old links on the town's transfer station page.

Scherer provided an update on their search to identify a suitable location for the Christmas tree chipping event they hoped to have. The committee agreed that Jan 4<sup>th</sup> from 10am-3pm would be a good date and time. However, the SWC had yet to find a workable location. If a location is confirmed the committee members will advertise the event on the listserv and with signage.

SWC members discussed and planned details around advertising for the upcoming Styrofoam collection at Richmond Middle School in Hanover on Jan 25<sup>th</sup> from 10-noon. The committee will make announcements on the listserv and have a couple posters/signs printed for the event.

Scherer reviewed his correspondence with the TM around funding projects in the current fiscal year. Beginning next fiscal year, money for committee projects will come from the aforementioned proposed SWC budget. In the meantime, the TM indicated that there was money in the DPW recycling line item that could be used for minor expenses such as advertising of recycling events.

Scherer provided a brief update that members of the SB reached out to him regarding writing an article in the "Selectboard Corner" of the Norwich Times. He explained that they could interview a SWC member for a transfer station or DPW related topic, saving the committee the expense.

The committee discussed the idea of creating a logo or image that could be used on posters or flyers which would advertise their events. Everyone agreed this was a suitable idea and would begin working on an image.

Scherer introduced the idea of having an email account dedicated for listserv posts. Currently, posts are made from committee members' personal email accounts. The committee would share responsibility for posting.

Currently, several town committees use the selectboard's email address when hosting a remote accessible meeting on Zoom. Scherer said he was contacted by the town manager's office regarding creating and sharing an email account with the Energy Committee. A zoom license would then be assigned to this email address for both committees to use.