

# Solid Waste Committee Draft Minutes for Thursday, March 13, 2024

Attendance: Bram Litvinoff (BL) by Zoom, Jordan Mueller (JM), Lory Pearson (LP), Andy Scherer (AS)

Meeting began at 6:10 pm

Adopt/Add/Change items in minutes from previous meeting: none

Minutes from Thursday 12/16/24: approved.

## Discussion:

- **Email accounts.**
  - (1) Town purchased license for email account to use for zoom link. This is to be shared with Energy Committee; JM will forward email name and password for this email account. Meeting host will need to add that to own list of gmail accounts.
  - (2) Email to be used for communication by any/all members of the SWC with the intent of communicating with the public. AS will forward email name and password; SWC members will need to add it to their list of gmail accounts.
  
- **Posting to Norwich listserv to promote SWC-supported resources and events.**
  - SWC members encouraged to post to local listserv using SWC email and name "Norwich Solid Waste Committee"
  - Messages should be posted for a week or 2-3 days before each event, including day before
  - Responsibility will rotate or change depending on who volunteered for or was tasked with posting about a particular topic.
  
- **Greater Upper Valley (GUV) Solid Waste Management District, Board of Supervisors Representative**
  - Financing is a key focus
  - Neil Fulton is currently Chair and Norwich rep.
  - Seeking alternate representative from Norwich starting in 2026. JM may be interested.
  
- **Solid Waste Committee Membership for coming year.**

Two seats (BL and LC) are opening this April 30. AS will let let Miranda in the Town Office know there will be two vacancies. Applicants, whether returning or new, will need to be approved by the Selectboard.
  
- **Plastic Bag recycling.**
  - Currently a number of grocery stores (Pricechopper, Shaw's) have bins for collecting plastic bags; Andy showed a flyer he found promoting this.
  - We should print out a bigger version and post around town. LP will do this.
  - Transfer stations in other towns collect plastic bags and bring them to Lebanon Recycling Center.
  - We would have to discuss with DPW Director and lead transfer station attendant if they would be open to collecting bags. If so, we would then seek out a volunteer to periodically bring them to Lebanon.
  
- **Better Bin** (has been bought by another company)
  - JM will take responsibility for contacting them and then campaigning to increase its use in Norwich
  - He will mention to them that recycling plastic film is an option.
  - Also he will check about putting the Trex recycling poster on the SWC page.
  
- **Styrofoam collection on April 12<sup>th</sup> in Lebanon**
  - SWC will post notices on listserv the week of April 7<sup>th</sup>
  - SWC will also distribute flyers at key places in Norwich, including by Town Clerk's office
  - In the announcement we will mention that styrofoam peanuts are not allowed.
  - If people bring peanuts, we will let them know that they aren't allowed. AS will try to contact people

seeking peanuts and connect with those collecting peanuts  
-- JM will also post the Styrofoam flyer on the SWC page.

- **Green-up Day (May 3<sup>rd</sup>) prep**

- Town Clerk's office has 150 green-up bags and a box of posters – to be distributed in mid-April at Town Clerk's Office or transfer station
- People are asked to sign up for routes
- Might be good to have a volunteer at the transfer station the weekend before to alert people
- Also posts on list-serv the week before

- **Cassella contract ends March 31<sup>st</sup>**

- **Misc.**

- Size restrictions for general recycling are 2' by 2 ft
- There are 2 excellent videos about recycling on the Cassella website.

Adjourned at 7:32 pm