

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL AT THE NEXT
SANITARY WASTE COMMISSION MEETING
ESSEX TOWN HALL
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SWPCA MEETING**

The Essex Sanitary Waste Commission Meeting was held on Monday, November 19, 2012 following the Water Pollution Control Authority meeting. In attendance were Chairman Susan Malan, Al Wolfgram, Ken Bombaci, Randel Osborne, Leigh Rankin (5:30pm departure), Mark Reeves, and Robert VanHouten. Also in attendance were Kelley Frazier, Secretary to the Board, Norman Needleman, First Selectman and Lisa Fasulo, Health Director.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Malan at 4:46pm.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion made by Randel Osborne and seconded by Robert VanHouten the Sanitary Waste Commission unanimously **VOTED** to approve the agenda.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Upon a motion made by Randel Osborne and seconded by Mark Reeves the Sanitary Waste Commission unanimously **VOTED** to approve the minutes from the October 2012 Sanitary Waste Commission meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comment

OLD BUSINESS

Contract and Lease – CRRA, Covanta, HHW, Recycling

Referral for the contract

Mr. Needleman said that the lease negotiations, the MSW contract and the Host Community Agreement with CRRA are complete. The Host Community Agreement and the lease provide annual fee income to the town. All agreements are for 15 years, the lease provides payments to the town of \$15,000 and the Host Community Agreement provides per ton payments for MSW through the regional transfer station.

SWC Sticker Proposal to BOS

Ms. Malan read the minutes from the last Board of Selectman Meeting. Mr. Needleman noted that he is not in favor of a sticker program. He noted that the dump is not revenue neutral and it may never be. He doesn't see sufficient benefit to have a scale at the dump, but is open to exploring a scale and other options. Mr. Bombaci noted that he is concerned about the fairness of who pays and who does not pay at the dump. It was noted that 80 percent of the town uses private carriers.

Ms. Osborne asked how Mr. Needleman would increase revenue. He said he may consider an increase to the rates. Rates have not increased for several years.

Mr. Wolfgram feels that more people are not paying than first thought. He said if you pay \$50,000 for a scale you get your money back in two years. He feels that this will make things more equitable for bulky waste.

Mr. Needleman feels that staffing costs could be an issue. Mr. Wolfgram said that using a scale is a process that the public will need to be educated on. Mr. Needleman noted that he is open minded, but noted that purchasing a scale would have to be a cost benefit for the Town. He stated that yearly maintenance of a scale could be costly. He also noted that there is an ordinance which needs to be reviewed regarding who is responsible for the Transfer Station. The SWC ordinances will be reviewed and modified.

The Board discussed different options for enforcement. Mr. Bombaci and Mr. Reeves would prefer to have a free sticker and only collect for the bulky waste.

REPORT – DAVID CAROLINE, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

No Report

REPORT – LISA FASULO, HEALTH DIRECTOR

No Report

REVIEW OPERATING STATEMENT AND INCOME STATEMENT

Ms. Malan asked that Kerry Berardinelli verify and correct the numbers in the report.

NEW BUSINESS

Scale Discussion – Al Wolfgram

This discussion was tabled until a future meeting.

Ms. Malan presented an art project done by a local artist using recycled materials. This could be an educational tool for people at the Transfer Station. Ms. Malan will research further.

Upon a motion by Mark Reeves and seconded by Robert Van Houten, the Board unanimously **VOTED** to do additional research on the possibility of having this recycled art project on Dump Road.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion duly made and seconded the Sanitary Waste Commission unanimously **VOTED** to adjourn at 5:46pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Kelley S. Frazier, Sanitary Waste Commission Clerk