

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
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Present: Chairman P Muniz; Commissioners K Galambos, R Aitro, H Plunkett, H Heyman, T Muhlbauer; Marissa Dugan, Town Staff

1. Chairman Muniz called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm via Zoom
2. Chairman Muniz made a motion to modify the agenda. R Aitro seconded, motion passed unanimously.
  - a. Job interviews for the Sustainability & Compliance Manager are taking place this week
  - b. Chairman Muniz introduced Marissa Dugan, administrative assistant for Solid Waste & Recycling, Sustainability & Compliance, and the Department of Public Works. Marissa is currently the contact person for Bozzuto
    - i. In past 2 weeks, Bozzuto has had a split-body truck out of service. They have been picking up both trash and recycling in the same truck. Residents have been complaining. The First Selectman and the SWMC are aware of the truck deficiency and recognize that trash & recycling collection needs to be segregated. There is no information on when the split-body truck will be back in service. Chairman Muniz will follow-up with the First Selectman.
  - c. Last Thursday the Thimble Island trash collection bid was due, but no bids were received. The current provider offered to continue service at the same price until August. Commissioner Heyman made a motion to recommend the First Selectman to offer a bid waiver to extend the contract to the current provider. Commissioner Aitro seconded, the motion passed unanimously. Marissa will write up the bid waiver.
  - d. Chairman Muniz submitted the proposed SWMC budget to the RTM subcommittee and it was approved.
3. Program Operations: Postponed due to staff vacancy
4. Old Business
  - a. All current contracts are in place
  - b. According to the contract, Bozzuto is supposed to be providing a third truck. Chairman Muniz will discuss the potential financial impact with the First Selectman.
5. New Business
  - a. The Commission will not initiate any new programs until the staff vacancy is filled.
  - b. Marissa reported that the Covanta facility in Preston is closed temporarily so the Town will haul to Bristol. The tipping fee at Bristol is higher but transportation to Bristol is shorter. Chairman Muniz asked Marissa to monitor the invoices accordingly
  - c. Chairman Muniz thanked Marissa for her work and invited her to attend future meetings.
6. Adjournment
  - a. Commissioner Aitro made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Muhlbauer seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Chairman Muniz adjourned the meeting at 6:26 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for June 12