

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

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**MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, Dec 11, 2024**

Neil E. Arpin
BRANFORD TOWN CLERK

Present: Chairman P Muniz; Commissioners H Heyman, T Muhlbauer, K Galambos, R Aitro, H Plunkett; Sustainability and Compliance Manager T Bowne

1. Chairman Muniz called the meeting to order at 6:02
2. Approval of Minutes:
 - a. K Galambos made a motion to approve the minutes of September 11 and October 9. T Muhlbauer seconded, unanimously approved.
3. Program Operations:
 - a. Recycling Material Costs and Metrics
 - i. T Bowne presented his November 2024 TS Monthly Report to the Commission.
 - ii. The data graphs reveal that MSW and C&D are trending down, while recycling is trending up
 - iii. The amount of tires brought to the Transfer Station increased. The Town pays \$3.50 to have a tire processed. T Bowne will confirm that tires can be dropped off for no charge with a resident sticker.
 - iv. The ACR for Single-Stream has increased to \$80, which is higher than last month, but still remains well within budget.
 - v. T Bowne now oversees school trash & recycling. The schools have amended their MSW and recycling contracts so that Bozzuto is now providing both. The BOE will pay the Town every 6 months. We expect that in 2028, school locations will be incorporated into the overall town contract.
 - b. Curbside Collection Performance Update
 - i. T Bowne reported that the Town has received no contamination charges
 - c. Transfer Station Performance and Practices Update
 - i. R Aitro and H Plunkett commented on improvements in staffing and operations at the Transfer Station
4. Old Business
 - a. T Bowne reported that the Town will be pursuing a new vendor for Brush Grinding.
5. New Business
 - a. There will be 6 pickup locations for disposal of Christmas lights in December and January.
 - b. The Boy Scouts will be collecting Christmas trees. This will be announced on the Town website, Facebook page, and newspaper.
 - c. K Galambos will send Town the 2025 meeting schedule and agendas
6. R Aitro moved to adjourn the meeting, H Plunkett seconded, unanimously approved. The next meeting of the SWMC will be on Wednesday, January 8, at 6:00 pm via Zoom.