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**SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

**April 9, 2025**

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm
2. Approval of the February 2025 minutes
  - a. K Galambos reported that T Muhlbauer's name was misspelled. A corrected version of the minutes will be submitted to the Town
  - b. R Aitro made a motion to approve the amended minutes, H Heyman, seconded, unanimously approved
3. Program Operations: Tyler Bowne reviewed the March 2025 TS Monthly Report
  - a. Recycling Material Costs and Metrics
    - i. Tires were collected but not recycled in March
    - ii. Recycling volume continues to show a slight year-to-year upward trend. Solid waste variably increases and decreases on a monthly basis compared to prior year.
    - iii. Construction & Demolition was down and Tyler will continue to monitor
    - iv. The ACR rate improved to 76.14
  - b. Curbside Collection Performance Update
    - i. There were zero contaminated loads reported
    - ii. On April 28 there will be a sight change of schedule for some roads because the vendor needs to use a smaller truck. Mailers were sent to the residents affected
  - c. Transfer Station Performance and Practices Update
    - i. Brush grinding will begin this week. Good Earth Tree is the new contractor, Tyler will monitor their performance to ensure quality

#### 4. Old Business

##### a. Contract Status

##### i. Thimble Islands trash collection

1. Three bids were received for the 3-year (2-year potential extension) contract. There was some disparity in the price offers. Tyler will confirm the price offered by the lowest bidder.
2. The First Selectman suggested the winning bidder receive a free boat slip for duration of the contract.

##### b. The Town approved the SWMC budget but the capital fund was cut from \$250K to \$100K

#### 5. New Business

- ##### a. Leaf and brush collection is starting this spring. Yard Waste (sticks and twigs) must be called in. For leaf collection, residents can simply place bags at the curb on their regular trash/recycling pickup day.

- #### 6. Chairman Muniz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 pm, R Aitro seconded, passed unanimously. The next meeting of the SWMC is scheduled for May 14