

# SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

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## SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2018 - 7:45 PM CANOE BROOK SENIOR CENTER NOT APPROVED

**Present:** Chairman Muniz, M. Barbour, J. Brown, J. Rollo, M. Rizzozi, A. St Thomas and Solid Waste Supervisor D. McGowan

**Absent:** R. Lasky

Chairman Muniz called the meeting of the Solid Waste Management Commission to order at 7:50 p.m. Chairman Muniz introduced the minutes from July 11, 2018 for approval. M. Rizzozi made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2018 meeting of the Solid Waste Management Commission. M. Barbour seconded. The motion was approved unanimously. Chairman Muniz stated the second agenda item was the Solid Waste Supervisors Report; Supervisor McGowan continued.

### **Solid Waste Supervisor's Report:**

- Supervisor McGowan stated he was making a request for a budget transfer in the amount of \$24,500 from the Material Handling line item, into the Condominium Association Rebates Account. Supervisor McGowan explained that the transfer was required due to the increase in the collections contract. Supervisor McGowan explained that during the budget planning for fiscal year 2018/19 it was estimated that the prior cost of \$64.39 per unit for trash collection would need to be increased, with a cost estimation increase to \$101 per unit; it had in actuality increased to \$103.46 per unit. The increase had been budgeted for in the 2019 budget by the addition of funds to the Material Handling Line item. Supervisor Muniz asked if the bidder's breakdown of the cost distribution in the categories is an accurate representation; he also asked for the specific wording of the ordinance. The members discussed the formula used to arrive at the "for per unit" cost. M. Rizzozi made a motion a motion to recommend the transfer of \$24,500.00, in fiscal year 2019, with additional information and the rationale explaining that because of a change in the contract, and inflation, the \$24500.00 was budgeted for at the known contract amount. M. Barber seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor McGowan continued with other items reporting:

- The revised annual report due to D.E.E.P. at month's end and "is coming along."
- A new company "Discover Books" has taken over picking up discarded books, so a new book bin should be available at the Transfer Station soon.
- The compact repair ended up being a fairly significant repair, at \$5000 to \$6000; it is completed.
- Supervisor McGowan mentioned a new organization in town called *Bring Your Own Branford*; part of a state wide goal of banning plastic bags. The group in Branford is looking to introduce legislation to ban plastic bags.
- Supervisor McGowan also mentioned happening at Bruce and Johnson's Marina is a Coastal Cleanup taking place Friday, September 14, 2018.
- Supervisor McGowan also reported a number of missed collections complaints in the Thimble Islands; the collector, Coastal Tides, has been put on notice.
- It terms of curbside collection, Supervisor McGowan reported that he has received many calls from residents reporting their entire trash has not been picked up; 1 to 2 bags are left at the bottom of bins. When notified, the contractor has been returning to those addresses and completing the pick-up.

- In terms of Waste Zero Supervisor McGowan reported he submitted the application for the grant and received a supplemental document requiring a narrative be filled in; it is 95% complete he reported.
- The Zuwalick dump and 191 Short Beach Road, also previously a dump, are both being considered for purchase by the Town of Branford.
- Chairman Muniz stated in terms of the Chairman's report, he had no items of note, as all current contracts are in effect. M. Ricoszi asked that since the landfill has been closed for a number of years, had the department requested a reduction in the ground water and surface monitoring. Chairman Muniz stated that an inquiry to Fuss & O'Neil about the status of conditions at the landfill and the necessity of continued monitoring and/or change in amount of monitoring should be addressed by Supervisor McGowan. M. Ricoszi also asked about the *Bottle & Can* collection that is taking place about town, sponsored by Tabor Lutheran Church for the Connecticut Food Pantry. M. Ricoszi asked the Supervisor to investigate the drive to see if the Department of Solid Waste and Recycling might assist in the effort as another means of reducing waste and assist recycling efforts.

A. St. Thomas made a motion to adjourn. M. Barbour seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie J. Capezzone, Secretary