

Town of Henniker
Solid Waste Disposal Committee
Twenty-Fifth Meeting: Thursday, August 27, 2009, 7:00 PM
At The Grange

Approved Minutes

Present: Donald Blanchard, Bill Christiano, Michael C. French, Amanda Gilman, Lia Houk, John V. Kjellman, Donna MacMillan, Linda Patterson and Rod Pimentel

Absent: None

1. **Chairman John Kjellman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.**
2. The minutes of the August 13, 2009 meeting were reviewed. **Linda Patterson made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded by Donna MacMillan and passed unanimously.**
3. Items of general interest not directly related to development of the report.
 - a. Chairman John Kjellman reported on an article from the Concord Monitor on the Concord COOP's single stream facility plans. According to the article the COOP has put the plans for the facility on hold due to a shortage of tonnage. Apparently they have commitments for less than the 25,000 tons per year needed to make the project viable, and much less than the 30,000 tons per year needed to make the facility economically beneficial. Also of note is the debate within the COOP as to whether or not the COOP should use some of its capital to keep tipping rates lower than they would otherwise be if and when the facility is built. The argument is that the money belongs to all COOP members and some of the benefit of lower tipping fees would accrue to non-COOP members, and COOP members not using the facility would not get any benefit, either.
 - b. Mike French reported that he spoke to a woman from the Bradford Transfer Station about recycling of all plastics including #3-7, as Henniker has recently started doing. The woman reported that in her experience she believed most of the plastics were not being recycled even though vendors said they were. The committee agreed that there is no reason to believe this is the case in Henniker and the information is hearsay and not necessarily based on fact, as the woman did not cite her sources.
3. Reports and updates from members related to development of the report
 - a. Amanda has not yet heard back from Naughton regarding the question about their residential customers. She will pursue this again for the next meeting.
 - b. Business Survey Spreadsheet: Amanda has received updates from a few of the members but not from all. She requested that all members get their information to her via email prior to the next meeting so she may finish compiling the spreadsheet for the next meeting.

- c. c. Neighboring Communities Spreadsheet: Linda presented her spreadsheet to the committee for review. John Kjellman noted that many towns have a policy of mandatory recycling, but Linda commented that many towns don't enforce this policy. Linda voiced frustration that it might be easy to draw inaccurate conclusions from some of the data. John noted that the introduction for the spreadsheet should point out these inconsistencies so the reader understands that all of the numbers are not created equal and may have many factors that influence them and prevent them from being compared to all numbers across the board.
 - d. d. Mike French reported that he has been investigating a way to obtain an estimated number of the pounds of trash generated per person throughout the state of NH. His proposal is to then utilize this calculated rate of trash generation and see if it correlates with the recycling rates from neighboring towns. By actually calculating the amount of trash generated per person it appears that some of the towns with higher recycling rates aren't actually reporting accurate numbers, as their total trash volume doesn't correlate with the amount of estimated trash per person. The committee agreed that this information would also shed some light on some of the data in Linda's spreadsheet. John asked Mike to prepare this information for presentation at the next meeting.
 - e. e. Henniker Transfer Station Spreadsheet: Rod went over the spreadsheet with Bob Pennock to ensure the accuracy of the information. The committee agreed that the spreadsheet now clearly showed what the Transfer Station accepts and how it is handled. The committee made a few minor suggestions for corrections or improvement but overall it was agreed that the spreadsheet is comprehensive and thorough.
 - f. f. John Kjellman reported that he has obtained a video from the EPA on Pay-As-You-Throw if anyone was interested in viewing it. Lia reported that she too had a copy of this video and that the Recycling Committee had viewed it in the past. The committee agreed that it might be of use at a later date if PAYT is instituted in Henniker, but is not pertinent at this time.
 - g. g. Don Blanchard presented a draft of the Executive Summary based on the report thus far. The committee thought it was excellent, but suggested a few changes. Don agreed to continue to update it as the report continues to develop.
4. 4. Review and discussion of the draft report to the Board of Selectman:
 - a. a. John reviewed comments submitted by Mike French about the draft report. The committee discussed these suggestions and John made note of agreed changes.
 - b. b. John said he was still behind on his work on the report, due to an illness in his family, but said he thought he can get a substantial amount of work done on it before the next meeting. He plans to have an updated version of the report for the next meeting.
 5. Next meeting scheduled for 9/10/09 at 7:00pm at the Grange.

6. **Motion to adjourn was made by Amanda Gilman at 2030, seconded by Donna MacMillan and carried unanimously.**

Submitted 9/3/09

By Amanda Gilman

Reviewed 9/6/09

John V. Kjellman

Approved as submitted: 9/10/09