

Town of Henniker
Solid Waste Disposal Committee
Twenty-Ninth Meeting: Thursday, November 12, 2009, 7:00 PM
At The Grange

Approved Minutes

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

Absent: Michael C. French, Rod Pimentel

- 1) **Chairman John Kjellman called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.**
- 2) Chairman's introduction:
 - a. Handouts: Agenda, Draft minutes of October 15 meeting, News stories on Concord PAYT, Bethlehem landfill contamination leaks, Zero Waste Efforts. Also Tom Watman's comments on Version 11C of report.
 - b. News stories talk about success of PAYT in Concord, although some of the early statistics are suspect. Bethlehem landfill issue is possibly a cautionary warning of what could happen in Henniker, although no signs of anything like that now. And, story on efforts toward zero waste in communities with limited waste areas like Nantucket. Don Blanchard, who was involved in the capping of Henniker's landfill, said he thought the risk of a contamination problem at Henniker's landfill is low.
 - c. The minutes of the October 15, 2009 meeting were reviewed. **Lia Houk made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Don Blanchard and passed unanimously.**
- 3) Reports and updates from members:
 - a. John: Kjellman family recycling rate. John has started weighing everything he takes to the T/S, excluding junk left in his mobile home by prior tenants. The results (need data over a longer period to be really useful): 36 days, 28% trash, 72% r/c: 10% Swap Shop, 4% plastic, 5% cardboard, 44% mixed paper, 7% glass, 2% tin cans. Garbage not included (just started weighing it). Long-term r/c rate will probably turn out to be somewhat less. Total MSW per day per person (36 days, 4 persons) approximately 1.5#, which is much below national averages. This highlights the point that much of the four plus pounds of trash generated per person is generated by businesses and other institutions such as schools.
 - b. Review and discuss draft report to Board of Selectmen, version 11C was mailed to each member. The plan is to review tonight, incorporate comments into report, and new draft in approximately two weeks, and final approval 12/3 at the next meeting.
 - c. Bob Pennock has started review, said he sees a few things to be corrected, but is impressed overall. He is giving copy to each of his staff to review. Each copy is

labeled as a draft and the Chairman has asked that it not be distributed beyond the T/S employees.

- d. Tom Watman has reviewed the draft and is also impressed. He had several questions and raised some good points. A copy of his comments was included in the handouts.
- 4) The committee reviewed version 11C of the draft report and agreed on suggestions for changes with the Chairman to be made before the next meeting on 12/3. The Chairman also asked committee members for any additional suggestions to be submitted to him ASAP so he could incorporate them in the next draft.
- 5) Don Blanchard submitted his latest draft of the Executive Summary for the committee to review, and provided a copy for each committee member. The Chairman asked members to review the document before the next meeting, and to submit suggestions to the Chairman or to Don as soon as possible.
- 6) Lia Houk agreed to use Don's Executive Summary as a basis for a Power Point presentation of the Committee's report.
- 7) Next meeting 12/3/09 at 7:00 pm at the Grange
- 8) **Motion to adjourn was made by Amanda Gilman at 2040, seconded by Linda Patterson and carried unanimously.**

Submitted 11/19/09

By Amanda Gilman

Reviewed 11/29/09

John V. Kjellman

Approved as submitted:

12/03/09