

**Town of Henniker  
Solid Waste Disposal Committee  
Fourteenth Meeting: Thursday, February 26, 2009 at 7:00 PM  
At The Grange**

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

**Present:** Bill Christiano, Amanda Gilman, Lia Houk, John V. Kjellman, Donna MacMillan, Linda Paterson, and Rod Pimentel.

**Absent:** Don Blanchard, Michael French

1) Chairman John Kjellman called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Chairman's introduction:

- a. Concord city council has approved PAYT beginning July 1. Hopkinton is entertaining the idea as well. There will be another Pay-by-Bag presentation in Hopkinton on March 3 at 7:00 PM at the Slusser Senior Center.
- b. NRRA's 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Recycling Conference & Expo will be held 6/8 & 6/9 at the Radisson Hotel in Manchester. The town *may* reimburse for registration fees.
- c. Documents distributed at meeting:
  - Meeting Agenda
  - Draft minutes of last meeting
  - Spreadsheet from Linda Patterson
  - Corcoran advertising piece (copy)

2) Review of minutes

**Amanda Gilman made a motion to accept the minutes from 2/5/09 as corrected, seconded by Linda Patterson and carried unanimously.**

3) The request from town for budget reduction of the SWDC was discussed. It had previously been discussed via email by committee members and was agreed to reduce the request from \$3000 to \$1500.

4) A letter from Litter Free NH was sent to the SWDC by Ron Lavalley, the prior head of the Henniker clean-up campaign. The committee discussed that the SWDC was not the appropriate venue for this program. Discussion ensued as to where this belonged, the Henniker Recycling Committee or the town. Rod Pimentel also suggested that the Rotary Club might be interested. It was decided that it should be sent to the Town for review and further decision.

5) Report from Lia Houk about the Hopkinton public forum on the PAYT policy. There was small attendance at the meeting, approximately 25 people. Hopkinton Selectman voted to bring the issue to town ballot for decision this spring. Issues discussed at the

meeting were double taxation and inability to afford the cost of bags. It appeared that there were a lot of misconceptions by the public and that education needs to be a big part of such a program. Lia made note that trash was presented as a utility that needs to be paid for and that with PAYT a program you are only paying for the trash you use and not for the trash of your neighbors. Lia also noted that Hopkinton is only charging \$1.50 for large bags. She presented this in contrast to Bow who is calculating the cost of their large bags at \$3.50 and Linda Patterson made note of a town in VT that was also charging \$3.50/ large bag. Some of the difference in cost lies in whether the community incorporates the entire solid waste budget in the cost of bags or if the cost of staff and administration is left in the general operating budget for the town and only the disposal costs are included in the cost of the bags. Lia reported that a calculator exists online to aid in the estimation of the cost of bags for towns that we could use for our report. Hopkinton and Webster share the same facility and Webster does not plan to incorporate PAYT. This was a significant debate at the meeting as well. Lia also obtained information from another town that helped with the presentation (? Bow), about their education, etc. on the PAYT program that could be used as a resource possibly for the committee's report and for education should the program be adopted. She suggested that we include in our report the common issues that were brought up in Hopkinton as possible issues that will need to be addressed should this option be adopted.

5) Report from John on Corcoran single stream facility in Manchester. A 97,000 sq foot warehouse owned by Corcoran. This facility can hold several large trucks, equipment and the storage of recyclables. He spoke with Mike McCray, plant manager. They are expecting DES permit approval on March 2nd and will then order equipment and expect to be online in July. Manchester has committed and the facility already has a total commitment for 40,000 tons per year. In this particular market they would expect to charge for collection of recyclables. The facility holds an open house the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday afternoon of every month.

6) John spoke with Jim Prescher who updated him on the Concord COOP's plan for their single stream facility. They have submitted plans to the Concord Planning Board and a public hearing is scheduled for 5/18. RFP's are out for equipment and due back 3/19. The application has been submitted to DES (not online yet) and a building design underway (LEED compliant). They have secured Hooksett (non-COOP member) and Goffstown and Milford are moving in that direction. Current single stream recycling costs would be about \$30/ton, and could be \$5/ton with a 40,000 ton / year volume. In contrast, John noted that we were looking at \$40-\$50/ton recycling revenue last August. Jim Prescher was not surprised at Corcoran having a 40,000-ton/year commitment, as it includes Manchester. Additionally he doesn't seem to think the Corcoran facility will impact the COOP plan.

John's thought on the Single Stream facility is that Henniker might want to enter into a contract with single stream for at least the businesses in town who utilize private haulers and possibly maintaining the status quo for the Transfer Station.

7) Other business: Lia saw a 20 min film called "The Story of Stuff" written and narrated by an economist. The basis is investigating how something is created, all the waste along

the way and the disposal from an economic point of view. She suggested we all take a look at it and she will email the link to the committee.

8) The committee reviewed Linda & Donna's spreadsheet on neighboring towns: John suggested that information on Weare and Goffstown also be included. Additionally it was suggested that a column be added for the Recycling Rates as reported by DES and that the data included be for 2007 as the 2008 data from DES wouldn't be available until much later in the year. Overall the committee decided that it was a great start.

9) John reported on his economic analysis. He is assessing 10 years of town reports. Information to be included in this assessment includes capital improvements and large purchases that aren't in the actual operating budget. John also noted other miscellaneous revenue sources including monies from Warner for residents using our transfer station, use of the oil furnace, trash coupons, C&D, sale of stickers, NH the Beautiful donations, and Lyons Club contributions. John plans to meet with Russ Roy to discuss these budgets and get further clarification.

10) Report on Household Hazardous Waste by Bill Christiano. He is assessing neighboring towns of similar size and asked if he should also examine a larger town. The consensus was that a larger town could be useful to include and Concord was suggested as an option.

11) Discussion on overall progress of the report: The Chairman asked committee members to send updates to their sections before the next meeting.

12) Review future meeting dates: 3/26, 4/9, 4/23, 5/7, 5/21, 6/4 and 6/18. All are Thursdays, and all are planned for 7:00 PM at The Grange. Only one meeting in March, in deference to town and school meetings, and voting day.

13) Motion to adjourn submitted by Rod Pimentel, seconded by Lia Houk and carried unanimously at 1956.

Submitted 2/27/09  
Amanda Gilman