

**Town of Henniker**  
**Solid Waste Disposal Committee**  
**Thirty-Fifth Meeting: Thursday, March 11, 2010, 7:00 PM**  
**At The Community Center**

**Draft Minutes**

**Present:** Bill Christiano, Michael C. French, Lia Houk, John V. Kjellman, Donna MacMillan, and Rod Pimentel.

**Absent:** Don G. Blanchard, Amanda Gilman, and Linda Patterson.

**Chairman John Kjellman called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.**

- 1) Handouts: Agenda, Draft minutes of February 18<sup>th</sup> meeting, Updated Executive Summary, Updated MSW Graphic (Fig1), Final Draft of Report to Town (Version 15), Cover letter to Board of Selectmen.
- 2) Chairman John Kjellman began with his introduction:
  - a. Don is not expected tonight, neither is Amanda or Linda. Don is expected to be back for our BOS presentation.
  - b. Ron Taylor has been replaced on the BOS by Leo Aucoin, who beat Ron by over 100 votes. John doesn't know what this means for our report.
  - c. Town meeting is this coming Saturday. Bob Pennock is a bit dismayed by the cuts to his budget. He pointed out incineration costs are up significantly.
  - d. NRRRA is promoting its annual sale of compost bins and rain barrels.
  - e. NRRRA reporting recycling prices up for fibers, metals, and plastics. PETE is at \$.15/pound, HDPE Natural at \$0.24 and HDPE MC at \$0.18.
  - f. State Senate Bill 301 would repeal the effective date of the ban on combustion of untreated wood at municipal transfer stations. Introduced by Senator Odell of Lempster. No sponsors from our Reps or Senator. Doesn't mean they don't support it.
- 3) The minutes of the February 18, 2010 meeting were reviewed. **Michael French made a motion to accept the minutes with corrections. The motion was seconded by Lia Houk and passed unanimously.**
- 4) John discussed the new version of the MSW graphic, which has been redesigned. He said Linda thinks it is an improvement. Lia asked about graphically showing percentages of trash and recyclables, but John said he didn't think that would work well. The intent was to help explain the definition of MSW, not to provide real data.
- 5) John said he had reviewed the most recent suggestions for change that Michael submitted, and agreed with the substance of most of them and had made the necessary changes to the report. But there is a question in his mind about one statement, and wanted the Committee's views on it. It was decided to say that the

Committee was unable to determine whether or not the T/S could handle 218 additional tons of recyclable material (a year) without increasing labor costs, rather than asserting that it would “be necessary to implement methods of increased quantities of recyclable materials with less labor” in order to handle the increased recyclables without significantly raising costs.

- 6) John said that the copy of the report that had just been handed out was not much changed from the version that was mailed out the previous week. He said he still didn't have the Appendixes integrated into the report file properly, and would work on that problem, and request help from Nicole in the Town Office if needed. He also said that he hadn't put Michael's rationalized recycling spreadsheet in the report, yet, either.
- 7) Lia asked about the difference between the bullet under Findings that asks if businesses should pay for the disposal of MSW, and the bullet that asks if the Town should do things that help businesses lower their costs of solid waste disposal. John said the second item is meant to deal with issues like whether or not B&A Waste should be allowed to dump trash into the hopper (at a price) and contractors allowed to dump their C&D into the C&D Roll-Off to save manual unloading (with physical changes at the T/S).
- 8) Lia also asked about asking the question, “Is the Town ready to make changes?” John said we've asked that question in a variety of ways in the report, but he thinks that putting that question at the end of the PowerPoint presentation as Lia has done is excellent. He thinks the BOS will be swayed by our presentation as much as by the report itself.
- 9) Lia reviewed the “slides” from her PowerPoint presentation. She said she added some comments about the need for significant citizen education for each of the options for change. She also added something for the combination of some of the options. It was agreed that Lia had done a great job. A few changes were suggested, and Lia said that if anybody had any ideas for other changes, they could e-mail them to her.
- 10) The Committee decided that John could finish up the report without the need for another meeting. He said he thought he could get a copy in the Selectman's hands by the middle of the week after next, around 3/22 to 3/24. This would give them at least ten days to review the report before the official presentation. He said he would get the final version in everybody's hands before giving it to the BOS.
- 11) John said he did want to schedule a time when we could all get together for a Committee photograph, sometime after Don returns from California. Perhaps late some afternoon.
- 12) John added that he liked the changes Lia made to Don's Executive Summary.
- 13) Next meeting: Tuesday, April 6, 2010 at 6:30 PM at Town Hall, to present report to Board of Selectmen.
- 14) **The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 P.M.**

Submitted 3/15/10  
By John V. Kjellman