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**MEETING OF THE WASTE AND RECYCLING TASK FORCE
VIRTUAL MEETING**

Monday, October 18, 2021

4:00 P.M.

AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER** – Diane Stober, Barry O'Neill and Robert Samek present
- II. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC** - None
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - Waste and Recycling Task Force Meeting May 24, 2021.
O'NELL/STOBER
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- IV. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD**
 - A.** Town Code Revision update/Transfer Station update.
Mr. Fortuna discussed the town's general permit and how it directs residents to directly drop their municipal solid waste (MSW) and that is why there is no need for a code change. In the meantime, Barry found a consultant to discuss transfer stations and he and Carl met with Gerry Cornett, from New Boston, New Hampshire, and he touted the efficacy of a scale and a re-designed transfer station. Once we have a design, we will move forward. Diane commented on how she is not a big fan of the current layout with everything on one side. Mr. Fortuna said he heard from people that some liked it better and some not so much. Diane wondered about the internal controls on money handling and Mr. Fortuna explained that it would be a computerized ticketing process. Mr. Samek asked will everyone get weighed with the answer that only those with garbage over and above household wasted. He also wondered about brush, which will not be weighed.
 - B.** MIRA update.
The plant will be closing in June of 2022. Mr. Fortuna discussed the bids received for out of state trucking. This is a true crisis that Connecticut will be sending this much MSW out of state.
 - C.** Paint Care paint purchasing update.
Paint return is up and running. Barry will follow up to see what and how much we are collecting. There is a question around winter collection of the paint and whether it will get picked up.
 - D.** Connecticut Coalition for Sustainable Materials Management (CCSMM): Follow up and proposed legislation.
Mr. Fortuna spoke to the enhanced bottle bill but was baffled that there is not an extended producer responsibility (EPR) for propane tanks or smoke detectors or tires. He is hopeful that will come in the short session this winter. Diane commented that Maine has passed a law that is a very strict EPR law but has not implemented it yet. She said it is interesting to see where they are going and how they will get it up and running.
 - E.** Textile recycling program.
Also up and running at the transfer station where there are many options for clothing and textile return.

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F. Food scrap recycling program – Discussion on bulk purchase of counter-top bins. Diane did not feel we should be buying plastic bins for people to put their food scraps in, furthering the plastics consumption. She felt people could recycle old coffee cans or have other bins around the house they can use. Barry will check to see how much food waste we are recycling per year and report back to the committee.

G. Member comments/Old Business/New Business

Can we interest the schools in a Torchlight parade float to encourage recycling? Mr. Fortuna will check.

H. Next meeting date – Carl and Barry to discuss.

V. ADJOURNMENT – Motion to adjourn at 4:52pm.

O'NELL/SAMEK

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Respectfully submitted,

Carl P. Fortuna Jr., First Selectman