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

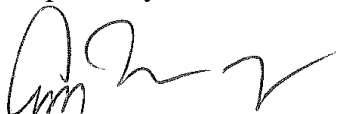
**Monday, February 8, 2021**  
4:00 P.M.  
**VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES**

- I. CALL TO ORDER-** All members present
- II. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC** – None.
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - January 11, 2021 meeting minutes motion to approve  
*FORTUNA/O'NEILL*  
*MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*
- IV. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD**
  - A. Update on composting:** Blue Earth and piggeries.  
There was a lot of discussion concerning how to ramp up this program. First, there should be press coverage so the First Selectman will reach out to the Harbor News for a story. Second, the conversation turned to how to engage children in this effort and whether there should be some sort of art contest. Ultimately, it was agreed that while this may have some merit, there are a lot of professional pieces out there for us to use, starting with the Darien documents, which Victor Benni screen shared. It was also suggested that perhaps we should see if those that are bringing food scraps to the transfer station would want to leave their names to help promote the program and/or to benefit should the town subsidize compost bins. Perhaps we should also hand a flyer to all residents as they enter the station. The First Selectman will print one up for Mr. Therrien. The First Selectman also mentioned he will be going on the Pete Mezzetti show soon and will discuss. The conversation turned briefly to the First Selectman and his effort to re-write the town Code as it concerns bulky waste. He suggests only letting cars, vans and pickup trucks in, as well as small trailers. What is a small trailer? Perhaps a single axle/4 x 8.
  - B. MIRA Update**  
The First Selectman mentioned that tipping fees will go over \$100/ton for FY 22 and that MIRA is planning to be a transfer station come July, 2022.
  - C. Connecticut Coalition for Sustainable Materials Management (CCSMM) meeting:**  
Member participation and assignments and reports.  
Briefly, the First Selectman mentioned that there was legislative activity based on the CCSMM meetings. There is a new bottle bill and Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) is also on the agenda for propane tanks, tires and smoke detectors.
  - D. Member comments** – Education in town on composting/recycling  
Mr. Benni wondered if there could be a regional set up for an anaerobic digester. We will schedule a visit to Montville when the weather gets warmer. There was talk of the town subsidizing the purchase of kitchen counter composters. Two models were discussed: one at about \$8 and one at about \$21. It was agreed this could come before the Board of Finance after they finish the current budget cycle.
  - E. Next meeting date** - March 8, 2021

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- V.     **ADJOURNMENT** Motion to adjourn at 5:00p.m.  
          *FORTUNA/O'NELL*  
          *MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carl P. Fortuna Jr.', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Carl P. Fortuna Jr., First Selectman