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**WASTE AND RECYCLING TASK FORCE
VIRTUAL MEETING
Monday, April 12, 2021
3:30 P.M.
MINUTES**

I. CALL TO ORDER at 3:57 pm. Barry O'Neill, Robert Samek and Jim Therrien present.

II. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - none

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES from March 8, 2021.

FORTUNA/O'NELL

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

IV. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

A. Town Code Revision update.

Mr. Fortuna stated that he simply has not gotten to further revisions. Rick Swan and Victor Benni did comment and he intends to incorporate some of those comments. Mr. Samek expressed some concern about the cost of tire disposal and not wanting to see tires dumped on the side of the road. The group then discussed what we are paying to have taken away and what earns money at the station. Mr. Fortuna stated he would inquire of Mr. Bonin to get a better picture of revenue and expenses.

B. MIRA Update

Mr. Fortuna provided an update stating that the Waste to Energy plant will close in July, 2022 and that municipal solid waste will then go to other Waste to Energy plants or be shipped out of state. The cost to ship out of state is reasonable at this time but will go up over time.

C. Connecticut Coalition for Sustainable Materials Management (CCSMM): Follow up and Proposed Legislation

There was discussion about the bottle bill and how raising the deposit fee to ten cents made it out of committee. However, this does not include wine and spirit bottles. But another bill that would implement ERP for tires, smoke detectors and propane tanks did come out of committee. The group agreed to contact our legislators to say we support these bills. Mr. Fortuna encouraged the group to read an op-ed piece in the Hartford Courant about food waste in the April 12th edition.

D. Food scrap recycling

Mr. Therrien stated they are diverting approximately 400 pounds per week so the program is working nicely. The flyers advertising this program were distributed through the schools and are on the town boards and website.

E. Member comments/Old Business/New Business

Mr. O'Neill asked about the paint disposal program and Mr. Fortuna said there was a hangup with liability issues but that he would attempt to finalize this week. There was also a discussion about several members of the public who loiter at the transfer station and how to move these people along.

F. Next meeting date – May 24, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

V. ADJOURNMENT- Motion to adjourn at 4:40p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,
Carl P. Fortuna Jr., First Selectman