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**MEETING MINUTES OF THE WASTE AND RECYCLING TASK FORCE**  
**VIRTUAL MEETING**  
**Monday, May 24, 2021**  
**4:00 P.M.**

- I. CALL TO ORDER** – All members present excepting Diane Stober who indicated she would not be available.
- II. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC** - none
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** from April 12, 2021  
*O'NELL/BENNI*  
*MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*
- IV. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD**
  - A. Town Code Revision update**

Carl Fortuna told the committee that these revisions have been reviewed by the Board of Selectmen and the board is good with the changes. Changes were made to the code based on input from several members of the committee. Next would be the Board of Selectmen recommending to town meeting the revisions which could be some time late summer. With MIRA closing, this could save significant dollars for the town.
  - B. MIRA Update**

MIRA will be closing the Waste to Energy part of the plant on July 1, 2022. The issue currently at hand, which Barry O'Neill pointed out in a Jon Lender article in the Hartford Courant, is whether South Meadows can be used as a transfer station. DEEP is saying no, which would add significant cost to the towns to have garbage transferred from various smaller stations across the state. MIRA has asked for the direct involvement of the Governor at this time.
  - C. Paint Care paint purchasing update**

The contract for this has been signed and training has taken place. The collection takes place when people place their entire paint can – nothing but paint – in a box. We do not know when implementation will be but it will be soon. It was recommended that flyers be made up to alert people of this service.
  - D. Connecticut Coalition for Sustainable Materials Management (CCSMM): Follow up and Proposed Legislation**

The bottle bill deposit will very likely increase but only on bottles that already have a deposit, not sports drinks or wine bottles etc. As for propane tanks, tires and smoke detectors, we are waiting to see if these bills get called. We will know soon as the session will end in 3 weeks.
  - E. Food scrap recycling program**

Discussion on bulk purchase of counter top bins - We appear to be collecting two full bins every week, which is approximately 400 pounds. Carl Fortuna will ask Larry for more detail on weight. Jim Therrien believes we are adding two more bins. Essex is doing it too. It was suggested that the Board of Finance consider spending some money on subsidizing countertop composters if there are surplus funds this year.
  - F. Member comments/Old Business/New Business**

Barry O'Neill would like to see some numbers and Mr. Fortuna said he would send his year to date to the committee for MSW and recycling. He would also like to see if we could get a reliable number of cars that enter the transfer station. Over 5700 stickers have been distributed. Jim Therrien said one Saturday he counted 600 cars.

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**G.** Next meeting date

Next meeting date will be discussed between the Chairman and Mr. Fortuna.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

*O'NELL/BENNI*

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Respectfully submitted,

Carl P. Fortuna Jr., First Selectman