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BARRY O'NELL, CHAIRMAN  
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CARL P. FORTUNA JR., EX-OFFICIO

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

Friday, January 24, 2020

4:30 P.M.

**Town Hall – First Floor Conference Room  
MINUTES**

- I. CALL TO ORDER-** All members present
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-** Recited
- III. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIR-** Barry O'Neill was elected Chairman and Victor Benni Vice-Chairman.  
*FORTUNA/THERRIEN*  
Motion to elect Barry O'Neill as Chairman and Victor Benni as Vice-Chairman.  
*MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*
- IV. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC-** None
- V. COMMENTS FROM THE MEMBERS:** As ex-officio, the First Selectman welcomed the group to the meeting. He gave a background on the MIRA plant situation and how reducing municipal solid waste tonnage is important from an environmental and financial aspect. The committee discussed the charge of the task force and would like to have a little more focus. The First Selectman welcomed feedback on the charge. The SMART garbage bag program was also discussed but the committee was informed this would involve an ordinance change which might be difficult. Bulky waste was also discussed. The members also discussed composting but that will be difficult to do on a large scale due to a lack of anaerobic digesters statewide. Social media was also discussed and will be addressed at the next meeting.
- VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- VII. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD**
  - A.** Review documents provided to task force
  - B.** Next meeting date*FORTUNA/O'NELL*  
Motion to set meeting February 12, 2020 8 a.m. - First Floor Conference Room.  
*MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*
- VIII. COMMENTS FROM THE TASK FORCE**
- IX. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**
- X. ADJOURNMENT**  
*FORTUNA/O'NELL*  
Motion to adjourn at 5:30 p.m.  
*MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

Respectfully submitted

Carl P. Fortuna Jr.  
First Selectman