

MINUTES

Talking Trash in Kingston

February 07, 2022 | Meeting Commenced 7:01 PM | Meeting Close 8:26 PM | *Meeting called by* Stacy Dion

Board Members Present

Stacy Dion, Chair | Phil Coombs, DPW Director | Electra L. Alessio, Representative BOS | Mark Goddard, Member | Glen Milhomme, Member | Elsa Voelcker, Member | Chuck Margosian, Alternate

Committee

Motion made by Phil to have Chuck be a voting member due to the absence of Dustin. Second by Ellie. 6 in favor. 0 oppose.

Previous Minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting will be resent for review.

Waste Management Update - Phil

Phil gave an update on requests for additional totes. There was one request for an additional recycling tote. The tote was given to the resident due to the ongoing water issues. There were three requests for additional trash totes. One tote was hit by something and completely destroyed. That tote was replaced.

The relationship between the Waste Management drivers and the Department of Public Works has been improving. There have been issues with a few residents placing nonrecyclable materials in the recycling totes. These totes have been stickered by the drivers but there has not been any improvement at these residencies. The committee will review the ordinances and make suggestions of how to update them to deal with ongoing noncompliant issues.

The DPW is tracking and trending the tonnage of both solid waste and recycling. We have received the data from 2020 until January 2023.

Phil provided

Action Item: Stacy to send out the current town ordinances regarding trash and recycling for committee comments.

Action Item: Stacy to send updated trend analysis to committee.

Ride Along Report - Mark

Mark presented his audit of municipal solid waste collection from Tuesday 10 January 2023. There were 7.8% of the totes that were found in a noncompliant manner. Half of the noncompliant totes were with bad placement. Totes that were too close to another item or with their wheels toward the street. Other areas of noncompliance were material in carts, not in the proper receptacle or overloaded. Note: Overload is currently not a Waste

Management noncompliance. Mark noted that the drivers have been trying to help homeowners by getting out of the truck and removing any waste that was left. He also noted that due to some tote theft, the drivers have been verifying the numbers to the address. This has led to recovery of a few missing totes.

Plan to Clarify Materials - Chuck

Chuck stated that during the review of the current contract that he had found some inconsistencies between the contract language and the addendums. He was concerned that this could impact the cost to the town. Mark also agreed that there were some items that he would like clarification on. Chuck and Mark will put together a list of inconsistencies for review with the committee.

Chuck has put together a living document that reviews several different materials and which category they fall into. (Trash v. Recycling v. Neither) There was also a discussion about the Newton Transfer Station and the increasing costs to Kingston Residents. Phil stated that he put a call into the Town of Newton's Road Agent. It was noted that we also have the ability to use the Raymond Transfer Station and that their costs for disposal are lower than Newton.

Action Item: Chuck and Mark to put a list of inconsistent contract language for review.

Action Item: Phil to follow up with Town of Newton to verify cost to Kingston.

Action Item: Chuck to send updated PowerPoint to Stacy for distribution to Committee. Committee will discuss at next meeting.

Next Meetings

Site visit 10:30 to TREE in Rochester NH. Meet at Public Works at 9:30 AM.

Next Meeting will be held 08March2023 at 7:00 PM at the Highway Department.