

**SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TOWN OF MADISON
March 26, 2015
MINUTES**

Committee members present: Chairman Dave Downs, John Arruda, Paul Littlefield, Ray O'Brien.

Others Present: Tim Hughes, videographer

Where and When Posted: The SWAC meeting notice is published in the Town Office upper and lower levels and in both town Post Offices. A yearly schedule is published at the beginning of the year. The meeting generally is the second Thursday of each month unless noted on the schedule or amended by a change notice posted in all the above locations at least 24 hours prior to the previously planned meeting.

Meeting Called to Order: At 7:42am by Chairman Dave Downs

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A MOTION by Ray was seconded by John and the minutes were approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

NEXT SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING: The next meeting will be 04/16/2015 at 7:30am in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP: A MOTION by Ray and seconded by Paul was approved unanimously to make an appointment recommendation to Board of Selectmen (BoS) of two new SWAC members: Sandy Brocaar, Chuck White.

ALUMINUM CAN BoL: When the Aluminum Can roll off is picked up, Jim will start the paperwork by sending notification to Melissa at the office whether it is signed by Rickers or not. That way we all know to look for a check. Ray visited Rickers since our last meeting and asked how the pick-up and drop off was going. Aaron said that it is going very well after a rough spot in the beginning.

NON-RESIDENT COUPONS: Change to \$10 per book. We will include \$10/ coupon book in the new brochure and highlight that we did that. When John brings the brochure to the BoS for discussion and approval he will point out that change so they can discuss it.

BROCHURE – Paul will make edits, send to Dave, Dave will compile all of the edits, send to the rest of the committee including Jim and Chuck and John will get it to the Selectmen. After any comments or suggestions we can put it in final form.

FLOURESCENT LIGHTS: John brought up an issue with the committee regarding fluorescent lighting tube disposal. An employer in town regularly changes the lights causing the business to have to get rid on 50-100 tubes once or twice per year. The taxpaying business wondered about bringing them to the TS. We discussed our cost which we estimated to be at \$.09 per tube. Several different vendors charge more,

but the paperwork we had indicated we were billed last year at that rate by the vendor for NRRA. We do not charge citizens when they drop them off because we want to keep them out of the landfill and dispose of them properly. We thought that the local business could box up the used lights either as they are replacing them with new ones in the same box, or if required by our vendor, we could provide a box. The business could deliver them to the TS boxed for no charge thereby not creating much more work for the attendants, providing a service for the taxpaying business, and disposing of the fluorescents properly. That was our recommendation to the BoS.

DATA ANALYSIS: Next time we will review 2014 annual facility report and some other data that Dave is working on. He will bring his projector so the information can be shared with the public.

NRRA CONFERENCE: Paul and Chuck will attend the NRRA Conference on the first day, June 8, 2015. For more information see this website: <http://www.nrra.net/2015-conference-expo/> The town can pay for attendance and work out transportation by reimbursing for it, or providing the code enforcement vehicle to drive (or maybe the fire truck).

2015 OBJECTIVES: Brain-storm things to work on/discuss in 2015 other than above:

- **Glass:** We need to do something this year. Some solutions solve the immediate problem and others solve the long term problem, but create maintenance responsibilities and relative expense is always an issue:
 - Put away money for eventual grinding: total bill \$10-15,000
 - Put it commingled
 - Ship it all at once somewhere
 - Buy our own grinder with a table that tips so citizens can put the glass on the table and attendants can tip it into the grinder. Meredith and Lancaster do this somehow and we can contact them for advice.
- **Signage:** See Jim and Chuck for suggestions about what would be helpful.
- **Education:** The perennial issue and goal of making some helpful, entertaining videos with kids.
- **Snow and wind:** Should we cover the roll-offs?
- **Perpendicular:** Should we place the roll-offs perpendicular?
- **Compost:** The pile that is there now should be piled up and relocated on site so it can decompose and make room for the spring clean up material that will be arriving. Useful material should be taken out for distribution this spring. We should place a screen near "citizen compost" behind the Fire Station.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURN: We adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:40am.

Submitted by Ray O'Brien