

**SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
TOWN OF MADISON  
January 18, 2017  
Minutes**

**Committee members present:** Paul Littlefield, Robert King, David Downs

**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:** 7:40 AM

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Dave proposed two corrections and changes to the 12/21/17 minutes and explained the reasons. The committee discussed the changes and accepted them. Dave made a motion to accept the 12/21/17 meeting minutes as amended; Bob seconded; the motion passed unanimously (3-0).

**NEXT SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING:** The next meeting will be February 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 AM in the Chick Room at the Town Library due to work going on in the Town Hall meeting room.

**Approval of Agenda:** We reviewed the agenda. Bob made a motion to accept the agenda; Dave seconded; the motion passed unanimously (3-0).

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Year-end Numbers and Report:** Dave passed out the draft year-end report for SWAC to be included in the town annual report. It was reviewed by the committee and accepted as written to be submitted for the town report. There will be some adjustment to the final numbers in the report due to a last invoice that was just received. We reviewed the agenda. Bob made a motion to accept the annual report for publication; Dave seconded; the motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Dave then passed out preliminary graphs of the various waste commodities. The numbers were complete for MSW and bulky and demo. Final numbers were not yet available for paper and commingled. Dave will provide final updated graphs as soon as he has all the data. We will review at the next meeting.

**Objectives:** We reviewed the objectives from 2017. From that discussion we developed the committee's objectives for 2018.

- 1. Master Plan for the Transfer Station:** A process to investigate where the town should be going with regards to ongoing improvement, development and changes to the transfer station. This will involve things like consulting

with NRRRA, other state transfer station operators, help from the North Country Council, etc. and will intend to utilize the CIP for planning purposes.

2. **Repair of Compactor Pad:** In the spring we will pursue the repair of the existing compactor pad.
3. **New Compactor:** We will pursue the plan of obtaining a new compactor started in 2017. It will done by putting place an expendable trust fund and appropriating money at town meeting. Expected implementation 2019-2020.
4. **Roll-off Ownership and covers:** Due to economic efficiencies, it is advisable to investigate owning our own roll-offs with covers. This would avoid paying rent on the roll-offs that we use now, incurring extra weight and ice clearing charges for rain/ice/snow accumulating in the roll-offs, and would allow us to use higher capacity roll-offs there-by reducing hauling charges by fewer hauls.
5. **Miscellaneous:** Other projects requested by the BoS, Transfer Station Operator, or developed by SWAC.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Director of Public Works:** A new Road Agent/Director of Public Works will be in place in March after town meeting. We would like to invite him or her to our March meeting to discuss how SWAC can work with the new Director. We propose to move the March meeting from 3/15 to 3/22 after the Town meeting (3/17).
- **Valley Pride Day:** We will need to coordinate with the Transfer Station, NCIS and VPD organizers regarding having extra capacity that weekend at the Transfer Station and handling issues such as tires that are not usually taken at the Transfer Station. To be discussed at a meeting after Town Meeting.
- **NRRRA Conference:** We reiterated the need to send two people to the NRRRA Conference not only for the usual benefits of networking and seeing what is new and what other towns are doing but to specifically look at vendors and ask questions regarding the compactor project.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** Bob made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Dave seconded; the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 AM.