

**SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TOWN OF MADISON
May 30, 2019
Meeting Minutes**

Committee members present: Paul Littlefield, David Downs, Tino Fernandes, Bob King

Others Present: Tim Hughes-videographer. Jon Cyr-Director of DPW

Where and When Posted: The SWAC meeting notice is published in the Town Office upper and lower levels and in both town Post Offices. The meeting generally is the third 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: 5:36 PM by the Chairman Littlefield

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to accept 4/18//19 minutes by King seconded by Downs.
Approved unanimously 4-0.

NEXT SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING: The next meeting will be June 27, 2019 at 5:30 PM in the Town Hall meeting room (Littlefield will notify town hall of change from regular third Thursday, June 20 date).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion to accept the agenda approved unanimously 4-0.

ASSIGNMENT OF EMAIL FOR THE MONTH: King volunteered

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. **Nomination of Fernandes as Recording Secretary for SWAC:** Nomination made by Downs, seconded by King, approved 3-0 (Fernandes abstained).
2. **Action points from last meeting:** Jon Cyr will run the grant requests for oil recycling through the NRRA. Jon's survey of other regional transfer stations not yet performed. Jon believes that as a municipality we may be entitled to free recycling of regular, non-rechargeable batteries through Call2Recycle. Downs not sure.
3. **Composting:** Jon Cyr reports on a composting conference held in Plymouth last week. Vermont has a mandatory composting of all organics from commercial producers and now has 125 facilities handling the composting throughout the state and this has been successful at decreasing land fill use. Mandatory resident composting is scheduled to take place in 2020 in VT. The compost product is being sold. He recommends that we have the NRRA speak to us about the possibilities and requirements of composting in Madison. Littlefield to speak with NRRA and arrange such a meeting.
4. **Reports from the NRRA Conference of 5/20 and 5/21/19:** Downs, Fernandes, Jon Cyr and Rob Rand attended. Downs attended a battery recycling talk and confirms that Call2Recycle will recycle rechargeable batteries at no cost but that standard batteries would be charged a cost

(?\$35) per box. A Round Table talk on recycling emphasized that future recycling will require “clean” materials. There were suggestions about stacking used propane tanks to save space. Advertising compost for sale would be an important step, if composting is to be successful. A talk on separation of various metals did not appear practical for our facility and would involve increased manpower needs. Ricker would be interested in taking our non-aluminum cans if they are clean. A session on keeping food out of landfills and composting addressed education through the schools and home composting. In order to make composting viable we need to produce a good product which would be salable. Jon Cyr said that we should provide educational data to the town for our annual meeting, so that the voters would have information on costs and benefits of recycling. Downs also spoke with Casella who is not interested in bidding on a new contract, but Waste Management did say they were interested in bidding.

Fernandes described a potential glass recycling process into fiberglass which is being investigated by the NRRA and a Quebec facility. We continue to crush our glass and use locally which is working for us. Plastic bag recycling is available at our local supermarkets and the material is used to make Trex decking. Wastezero, a purveyor of “pay to throw” bags, showed data that “pay to throw” can reduce solid waste tonnage from 39% to 64% with concomitant cost savings. Fernandes found the Eco Maine booth and literature very informative and their facilities are impressive and waste to energy an attractive solution if not yet economical for us. A talk on mixed paper recycling from UNH and NRRA described on how they were working on animal bedding and fuel pellets as possible end products for mixed paper and this seems entirely feasible if the economics work out. A talk by NH DES stated that closed landfills have to be monitored for 30 years and that and that a mandatory recycling town law is enforceable.

5. **Old Business:** Littlefield stated that the NRRA visit to our facility and consultation on future modifications has not been scheduled. King recommended that we pull the permit for our facility to see what we can do and plan to proceed with the plans for the new compactor for next year. We have the funds saved and can proceed with grant applications.
6. **Meeting adjourned at 6:28 PM:** motion adjournment by Fernandes carried 4-0

Minutes by Tino Fernandes