

Solid Waste Advisory Committee - Town of Granby - Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: November 18, 2014

Minutes taken by Joe Furnia, Committee Chair

Ninth meeting of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) was held on November 18, 2014. Meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM. Three of the four members of the committee were in attendance, with Mary McDowell absent.

Minutes of the committee's eighth meeting were unanimously approved.

Next meeting is scheduled for December 10, 2014 at 7PM.

This meeting focused on:

- yard waste collection program and other collection/recycling opportunities for the Town of Granby.
- development of a long-term plan for development and implementation of a transfer station and/or collection center and/or yard waste disposal.
- development and implementation of a survey regarding yard waste collection.

Yard Waste Collection

1. Statistics from each of the yard waste collection days are provided in the attached spreadsheet. It appears that the cost/day ranges between \$1,000 and \$1,200. Variable is the number of containers Barnish hauls to the Wagner Wood Amherst facility.

2. Previous disposal issue... household waste was found in brown paper bags in which grass/leaves were collected... has been managed by the vigilant work of the highway department crew. No further complaints by Wagner Wood.

3. Communication campaign has been implemented.

a. Flyer published on town website. http://www.granby-ma.gov/Pages/GranbyMA_Landfill/index

b. Flyer included in November Senior Center newsletter.

c. Code Red RoboCall campaign to town residents before several collection days.

d. Collection dates published in November Granby telephone bill from OTT Communications.

4. Committee agreed the one additional yard waste collection day left under the current contract with Republic will be scheduled in the Spring.

5. Ash collection and disposal needs to be addressed in the future.

6. To determine how to implement a yard waste collection program going forward, especially the needs of the town; the idea of a survey was discussed. Options include inclusion in the tax statements sent to town residents; and, the annual town census. Joe to pursue with town tax collector and town clerk.

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SMART Workshop

Jay joined Arlene at the SMART Workshop in Ashland. Jays' takeaways:

- Be Pro-active
- Improve recycling

Development of Long-Term Plan by SWAC

Jay reiterated a key task of the committee, the development of a long-term plan for a transfer station/ collection station for recyclables /yard waste collection. It was agreed that we would begin writing a plan in January 2015. One point of discussion was whether the override to pay for the current curbside collection program automatically terminates after 3 years, or whether a vote is needed to rescind the override?

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 PM.