

Solid Waste Advisory Committee - Town of Granby - Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: December 10, 2014

Minutes taken by Joe Furnia, Committee Chair

Tenth meeting of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) was held on December, 2014. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. All four members of the committee were in attendance, as well as committee consultant Arlene Miller

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

Next meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2014 at 5:15 PM.

This meeting focused on three topics:

- results of the yard waste collection program and development of a survey regarding yard waste collection.
- creation of a long-term plan for development and implementation of a transfer station and/or collection center and/or yard waste disposal.
- Christmas tree disposal.

Yard Waste Collection

1. Statistics and costs for each of the yard waste collection days are provided in the attached spreadsheet.
2. To determine how to implement a yard waste collection program going forward, especially the needs of the town, it is suggested that we develop a survey to determine demand and needs. How many days per month do we need to collect yard waste? When should we begin?
3. It appears that the program was run well enough, but are there ways to reduce costs? Town is purchasing truck that can handle 20 yard containers, so the need to outsource to Barnish would be based upon workload of highway department. Cost of purchasing 20 yard containers. Letting yard waste sit in containers to deteriorate would enable town to reduce the number of loads to be disposed. And do we create a permanent site at the highway department?

Development of Long-Term Plan by SWAC

Key task of the committee is the development of a long-term plan for a transfer station/ collection station for recyclables /yard waste collection. It was agreed that Arlene Miller would draft the plan and present the plan at the next meeting on January 20, 2015.

It appears we have five options:

1. Curbside pickup
2. Transfer Station
3. Curbside pickup and recycling center

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4. Yoke with another community
5. Free for all, leaving responsibility in the hands of individual town residents

Many town are leaving the entire cost of household garbage and waste disposal to each town resident, implementing a pay as you go policy. Some towns have a cost sharing strategy, combining tax payer money with fees.

Christmas Tree Disposal

Discussed implementing a Christmas tree disposal program akin to last year's collection and burning of tree's at Dufresne Park. Joe to contact Granby Fire Chief Russell Martin and Chris Martin.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 PM.