

Solid Waste Advisory Committee - Town of Granby - Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: September 30, 2014

Minutes taken by Jay Joyce, Committee Member

Seventh meeting of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) was held on September 30, 2014. Meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM. Three members of the committee were in attendance. Not in attendance were Elaine LeFleur, Joe Furnia, Martin Conway and Arlene Miller. Wil Lewis has submitted his resignation.

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

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 15, 2014 at 7PM. (Library was not available on Tuesday, October 14, 2014)

Outstanding Action Items Status from last meeting

1. Joe Furnia to contact Cathy Leonard to get SWAC on September 15, 2014 Select Board meeting schedule to discuss the Brush/Grass Collection Site - **Closed**
2. Joe Furnia to contact Ryan Violand of Red Fire Farm regarding disposal of grass/leaf collection in their compost pile – **Answer = No - Closed**
3. Joe Furnia to contact Dave Derosiers regarding his attendance at September 15, 2014 Select Board meeting - **Closed**
4. Joe Furnia to contact Dan Hall of Commonwealth DEP regarding necessary form(s) for use of Granby Highway department location for brush/grass/leaf collection - **Open**
5. Arlene Miller to provide price list for disposal of electronics in other local municipalities - **Open**

Discussion

1. Committee Quorum – The committee began with 7 members. Since then, one member, Wilmot Lewis has resigned and another Elaine Lefleur has not attended any meetings. With these 2 members not being present for meetings, it has become difficult for the committee to obtain a majority of 4 votes to approve items and continue functioning. Mary McDowell, being an elected member of the Granby Select Board, stated she would report this issue to the other elected Select Board members and for our Committee to continue on using a count of 3 members for a quorum.
2. Granby Farms and compost material – Jay Joyce had contacted the following Granby Farms and none were interested in the Town's Compost Material –
 - a. Dave's
 - b. Breezy Acres
 - c. Sapowsky
 - d. Dickenson

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3. On 15 September 2014, the SWAC members went before the Granby Selectmen Meeting identifying a need to collect and dispose of the town's compost material since they had been unsuccessful finding someone to take this Fall's leaves.
 - a. No decision was made at the above meeting
 - b. On 30 September 2014, a "Yard Waste Days" Flyer was being distributed defining October 11 & 25, 2014 as being days to dispose of Yard Waste at the Granby Highway Department. Also, Cathy Leonard had stated that the dates were going to be posted on Cable Channel 15 and Granby's Town Website.
 - c. See Mary McDowell's Action Items below –
 - d. John McGreevy has been in contact with Kip Foley of Cover Technologies concerning the costs for Granby to dispose compost material. John was quoted - \$20 per ton + trucking
4. Ludlow Transfer Station –
 - a. Ludlow has stated that they are willing to discuss assisting Granby
 - b. Granby Officials have been invited to attend Ludlow's DPW Meeting on Tuesday, 7 October starting at 6 pm
 - c. Granby's SWAC is scheduled to discuss Ludlow's Meeting at the Granby Select Board Meeting scheduled on Monday, 6 October starting at 6:30 pm

Current Open Action Items

1. Joe Furnia to contact Dan Hall of Commonwealth DEP regarding necessary form(s) for use of Granby Highway department location for brush/grass/leaf collection = On-going
2. Arlene Miller to provide price list for disposal of electronics in other local municipalities = On-going
3. Mary McDowell took the Action Item to get the following information concerning the "Yard Waste Days" –
 - a. Where is the money coming from to pay for the "Yard Waste Days"
 - b. Distribute the flyers around Granby at locations like = banks, Dunkin Donuts, Cumberland Farms, Post Office, Town Hall Annex, etc.
 - c. Are there going to be additional "Yard Waste Days" in November?
4. Granby's SWAC to attend at the Granby Select Board Meeting scheduled on Monday, 6 October starting at 6:30 pm to discuss Ludlow's Meeting
5. Jay Joyce to meet with Dave Derosiers to continue evaluating the Granby Highway Department site at 15 Crescent Street as a possible Transfer Site or Recycling Center

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm.