

Accepted Final Meeting Minutes - Recycling and Solid Waste Committee (RSWC) - October 27, 2020

Attendees (virtual Zoom): Meryl Mandell (Chair), Gary Bernhard (Recycling Coordinator), Ron Essig, Gail Fleischaker, Marla Killough, Susan Quigley, Steve Rice, Peg Ross

Absent: Ezzell Floranina

1) Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

2) Minutes of April 7, 2020 meeting were approved.

3) Resignation from RSWC: Liz Lacy has resigned, as she is no longer located in Shutesbury. The committee accepted her resignation and expressed appreciation for her work over the years.

4) Status of the recycling shed(s): Shutesbury Board of Health bought the Lamore Lumber shed (with improvements from Michael Broad) from RSWC for cost: \$3850, which has been deposited to the Recycling Revolving Fund.

New ShedWorks shed has yet to be built. Due to COVID there is currently a national shortage of building materials; ShedWorks hopes to build the shed near the end of November when materials become available. Materials will very likely cost more. RSWC will provide paint which was previously purchased for the Lamore shed.

Motion was made for RSWC, in support for a local business, to authorize an increase in reimbursement to ShedWorks to \$4100, contingent on available funds in the Recycling Revolving Fund. Paint for the shed to be provided by RSWC. Motion was unanimously seconded.

Meryl is the contact with ShedWorks and let us know when the shed comes in. Hopefully, we will be able to move RSWC materials directly from Town Hall to the new shed.

5) Gary reported that apparently USA Recycle was delivering Shutesbury trash to Holyoke, as in previous contracts. (Trash was supposed to go to Covanta in Agawam starting July 1, 2020.) This has been corrected. Also, the bill from the MRF is in flux at this point in time, but we should know more sometime in November.

6) Gail reported that the new system for monthly accounting on tonnage (\$82.50/ton) is more efficient than the previous system.

7). Committee discussed spring 2020 trash bag distribution and agreed that efforts for safe and secure distribution were successful. Shutesbury residents were willingly compliant.

8). Other: Meryl reminded the committee that we will need at some point to move RSWC boxes stored in Town Hall to the new shed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m. October 27 2020 Draft minutes submitted by Peg Ross