

First Selectman's Waste Management Committee (FSWMC)

Meeting Minutes, July 8, 2021

1. **Call to Order and Attendance:** The meeting was started at 4:10 PM. There were not enough members present to form a quorum for the meeting. Accordingly, a brief discussion was held but no voting matters were taken up.

Committee Members Present- Mike Basham, Co-Chair; Scott Kalb, Secretary; Dan Ozizmir, RTM; Angelo Pucci, Hauler; Michael Wolpensinger, Greenwich Hospital. Committee Members Absent- Cheryl Moss, Co-Chair; Alison Ghiorse, RTM; Julie DesChamps, Waste Free Greenwich; JR Maestro, Brunswick; Greg Addonizio, Aux Delices; Tom Conelias, Hauler; James Santaguida, Hauler. Guests –none.

2. **Deadlines to submit recommendations to the RTM for the September 27 meeting:** The committee discussed deadlines to meet the objective of submitting recommendations to the RTM in time for the September meeting. First, it was mentioned that recommendations should be prepared for the First Selectman and a meeting requested during July 26-July 28. Next, the First Selectman should submit the recommendations to the Board of Selectman by August 2 for consideration in their August 12 and August 26 meetings. Finally, the recommendations should be submitted to the RTM by August 27 to be included in the Agenda for the September 27 RTM meeting.
3. **Final Report Assignments:** Chapter I, Introduction and Outlook– Mike Basham; Chapter II, Review and Analysis, Scott Kalb; Chapter III, Holly Hill Contract, Outsourcing and Master Plan – Dan Ozizmir; Chapter IV, SSR, Recycling Markets – undecided; Chapter V, Food Waste – Julie DesChamps, Ali Ghiorse, Mike Wolpensinger; Chapter VI, Holly Hill Permit and Bulky Waste Solutions – Scott Kalb; Chapter VII, Executive Summary and Recommendations – Cheryl Moss.
4. **Greenwich Hospital case study on food waste separation and disposal.** Mike Wolpensinger discussed Greenwich Hospital's food waste separation and disposal program, using Curbside Compost, focused on the food service operation of the hospital. In May, the first month of operation, the hospital separated and disposed of 5,000 pounds of food waste. By June, the total had increased to 8,000 pounds. Mike expects this number to rise as the food service operations become more efficient and other departments join the effort. He will write this as a case study for businesses and include it in the final report.
5. **Adjournment and Next Meeting:** The meeting was adjourned at 4:45PM. The next meeting of the full committee was set for 4:00PM on Thursday July 14.

Prepared by Scott Kalb, Secretary