Solid Waste Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2020

**Board members present:** Phil Griffin, Charlotte Hebert, Adam VonDette, and Audrey Bethel

**Also present:** Laura Buono, Jon Daley (has to leave for an ambulance call after a few minutes), Luke Levesque

We discuss the transition to stop recycling plastics at the transfer station as of January 1st. Luke thanks the board and tells us how smooth the transition has actually been—very little blow back, or contamination of the steel cans bin , due to widespread public understanding. The SWAB shifts at the transfer station seem to have helped. We debrief the experiences we all had spending time talking with residents.

Audrey passes out copies of the draft SWAB report to be submitted for the Town Report- several changes are indentified. She will make changes and email out to the board. Charlotte will submit to Windsor and Phil to Deering.

Luke tells us that currently the paper recycling is in jeopardy with prices plummeting at the moment.

We mention other things we would like to keep on our agenda for 2020:

Getting Washington included in our Hazardous Waste day

Visiting other towns transfer stations to keep learning more about what folks around the state are doing

Following up with Brightmark Energy about being an ideal project site

Coming up with a plan to encourage local businesses to reduce their to-go waste and other Styrofoam and plastic containers. Perhaps we invite local businesses to a round table discussion? Perhaps we create some sort of “eco-seal of approval for businesses who make an effort? Perhaps businesses save money buying paper clamshells and other amenities in large bulk orders together?

**Next Meeting : Thursday , February 20th 7:30 am**