

# SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## 2010 MINUTES

**June 10, 2010**

Attendance: P. Margolin, J. Wissler, G. Moretti, D. Limoli, J. Czyzowski

### Agenda

- **Housekeeping (10) – (move to the end)**
  1. **BL 2010 wrap up**
  2. **Recognition for volunteer organizers**
  3. **Meeting time**
- **Drop Off Center (60) - Janusz**
  1. **Renovation plans**
  2. **Possibilities for year round service**
- **The current curbside program (20) - Janusz**
  - **Success to date**
  - **Requests for additional svcs**
  - **Renewal of containers**
  
- Janusz described the current Drop off Center conditions and permit status. The design plans are done and just need an update. We have enough money in the motor vehicle reclamation fund to renovate the site this year. We discussed timing, and the consensus was to put out to bid this summer, and begin work in November. The impact would mean closing the Center earlier in November, and opening in late May or June next year. Good communications with the public will be important. Improvements to Dan Hill Road can be done at a later date, and won't require nearly as much time or funds.
- Donna will see if Derry would accept drop Off material at their drop off center—subject to the same fees—seeing as they are offering such services now to Hampstead.
- Janusz explained that keeping the Drop Off Center open thru the winter would be cost prohibitive due to investment and maintenance costs. Also, Donna said that she gets very few calls over the winter from the public looking for Center access.
- Janusz said the DPW doesn't have the resources to pick up waste from dumping grounds around town throughout the year, such as along Page Road. On a positive note, he built a long earthen barrier along the side of South Road where people like to dump bulky waste, and that seems to have been very successful.
- The committee also discussed the Council requests for more solid waste pick up services. Donna mentioned that about 2,000 fee-bearing trash bags have been purchased in the first 10 months of the automated waste pick up program. Considering many of those have not actually been used yet, it's clear that a minority of the town's 8,000 households find the need to supplement their trash container capacity with trash bags. Donna also noted that after the initial surprise and discontent expressed by some residents when the program began, as evidenced by phone calls to the DPW, the overall and ongoing reaction has been overwhelmingly positive (or neutral).
- To date, trash volume for the fiscal year is relatively close to what was forecast last year.
- Meeting time: 7:00 to 8:30