

Town of Hartford

Final Approved Solid Waste Committee Meeting

January 15, 2026, 2025 @18:30

Attendance:

Committee Members: Lee Holman, Beverly Parsons, Lennie Eichman,
Amanda Conant

Selectpersons: Cathy Lowe, Aaron Harvey

Guest: Kathryn Oaks

Absent: none

1) Meeting called to order at 18:30.

2) Review of December 2025 Minutes, Lee Motioned to accept, Lennie second, all in favor-4.

3) Open Session

Lennie would like to have a note from the SW Committee for the Hartford News wrote up a note to communicate that there will be a bulky waste day (s).

Amanda clarified the need to separate the curbside recycling and the recycling dumpsters do not need to be separated.

4) Kathryn Oaks visit

Starting in 2027 there is a reimbursement for packaging and recycling reimbursement based upon tonnage from the State of Maine. Idea is to get the producers (companies shipping product) to essentially pay for the packaging.

Discussion of Transfer Station Model. Is the design still relevant? It is just a sketch even though it has a stamp. Was this designed to be a full-fledged transfer station meaning adding tires. Hartford's needs at this point would be a model close to Canton. Household trash and metal.

KO asked for a tax map because of dwelling. 500 feet from the nearest residence. Waste handling area is the footprint for waste. 250 feet from abutting property.

First step would be Randy MacDonald to perform a site walk through. She could tell the town if a site was viable.

Aaron to request Randy's contact information.

Grants-When do they come up EPA Swiffer Grants-pretty intense grant. Many towns are now single stream recycling.

AVCOG will help seek Grant information.

Discussion of TRC, a company that helps towns form transfer stations.

Kathryn suggests that we think through the materials that we do collect-Randy will be helpful with this. Her suggestion is to add everything that you can to the license even if you do not plan on collecting that item (example-waste oil). Get a broad license.

Potential Foreseen Costs:

-Survey of parcel

-Gravel and Grating (grading)

-Compactor cost/lease

-fencing-likely biggest cost

-Metal pile can it be paved or can it be gravel? We learned if gravel-you need to verify every year that there is two (feet of) till of gravel under the metal pile. Can have dumpsters for metal as a(n) option. Highly recommends we put down a pad under the bulky waste/metal pile.

Best guess of timeline if we hit the ground running right now: 18 months.

Lee feels like the education of residence (residents) needs to happen regarding potential changes in the future.

Will we need to get an engineered plan? Ask Randy (DEP)

Bulky waste would still be an annual event.

KO shared that she does think Hartford, as a small town, has been very fortunate to have curbside. She also stated that it is highly unusual and anticipates future curbside costs to triple or quadruple in comparison to current pricing.

5) Discuss Neighborhood(s) dumpsters concept-both temporary and long solution tabled

6) Timeline & Key Dates for Bulky Waste-selectboard still to consider exact dates. Will need to be 2 Saturdays.

7) Set a date to visit the Livermore Transfer station, Date set 1/31/2026. 8) Other Reports-none

9) Set agenda for next meeting February 19, 2026 18:30

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4) Discussion of Livermore Visit

8) Other Reports

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