

Town of Hartford  
Solid Waste Committee Meeting  
July 23, 2025@ 7:00pm  
Minutes-Final (Approved 08272025)

In attendance:

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

Selectperson: Aaron Harvey

Absent: Jason Landry

Other: none

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

1)Election of Officers for FY 26

Lennie nominated Lee as Chairperson, Amanda seconded, all in Favor. Amanda nominated Lennie as Vice Chairperson, Lee seconded, all in favor. Lennie nominated Amanda as Secretary, Lee seconded, all in favor.

2)Time and Day of SW Committee Meeting

Discussion on meeting frequency and time. It was decided that the committee would meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month @6:30pm.

3)Requests from the Selectboard

Discussion that the tipping fee will be increased substantially current rate is \$98/ton and it is going up to the range of \$122-128/ton. The fee is \$1100.00 weekly to pick up household trash. It was noted that the weekly fee cannot change at any time per contract. The tipping fee can change at any time per contract.

It was requested that the committee focus on 2 projects. Primary objections of these projects would be cost saving to the townspeople and eliminate citizen concerns/inconsistencies in service.

## Project 1-Bulky Waste

It took a long time for bulky waste to be picked up by our current contractor for Spring of 2025. It was noted that this likely prompted some townspeople to add additional items to their piles as the piles in some cases sat out beside the road for many weeks. In some places the piles of bulky waste grew larger week over week.

Committee to research and consider approaching bulky waste in a more effective and cost saving manner. Ideas discussed included having bulky waste pickup over a weekend or two weekends within the year with the purpose of cost savings to the townspeople. This would require a place to have the roll-off dumpster placed for the allotted time period and volunteers to attend to the cleanup day (s)

Research needs to be done on potential locations that would accomplish this objective.

Cost savings analysis would be critical. It is understood that the current contactor (Archie's) has been quite unresponsive as of late.

## Project 2-Transfer Station Concept

The citizen concerns with Archie's (and curb side pick-up) have been extensive. It is requested that the committee conduct some research on potential future transfer station concepts.

Potential locations were discussed. Gurney Hill Rd site where the salt shed is currently located and the site at the end of Swan Pond Rd. During discussions it seemed that Gurney Hill Rd site would likely be the best option for the town and townspeople.

Topics that need to be considered were discussed such as compactor needs (lease or purchase), permits & regulations, rolls offs, attendants, metal pile, shipping containers for recyclables etc.

Discussion on single sort recycling and what that may look like.

Lennie to research DEP requirements. Committee to take a field trip to Canton Transfer Station on July 26 (9am) for research purposes.

Lennie extended thank you's to Aaron for providing the committee needed direction.

Discussion that open session be moved to the top of future meetings. All in agreement.

The agenda for the Aug 27 meeting @18:30, is as follows:

Call to Order

Open session

Canton site visit review

DEP Findings/Research review

Hartford News Article to be drafted

Meeting Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 20:05.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Conant