

**TOWN OF BROOKLYN
RESOURCE RECOVERY COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 10, 2014
Brooklyn Town Hall
4 Wolf Den Road
7 p.m.**

- 1. Roll Call:** Mike Barry, Bob Benson, Bob Lee, Don Francis and Chuck Morrison. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Absent: None.

Staff Present: Audrey Cross-Lussier, Recording Secretary.

- 2. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes August 6, 2014.**

A motion was made by Bob Benson to approve the regular meeting minutes of August 6, 2014. Bob Lee seconds this motion. No discussion held. All in favor. Don Francis and Chuck Morrison abstain.

- 3. New Business:**

- a. Welcome new members Donald Francis and Chuck Morrison.**

Chairman Barry welcomes new members Don Francis and Chuck Morrison to the Resource Recovery Commission.

- b. Budget.**

Chairman Barry reviews revenue and expense budgets with Commission Members. The week of September 8, 2014 total receipts equaled \$1,082. Weekly revenue has showed a decrease due to Town recycling collection; Electronic Waste that is collected in the POD; Town bulky waste that is collected. Discussion ensued.

Chairman Barry stated that bag expenses will need to be budgeted for this year. Contractual Services (Recycling) will show an increase this year of 3%. The Contract with Cassella Waste was extended for 2 more years which included 50 more Recycling Totes which was the limit per contract. The 50 Recycling Totes have been given out to Town Residents. The Town is now paying 50% of the \$92 cost per Recycling Tote. Chairman Barry stated that the Recycling Totes will now be more carefully dispersed to Town residents.

Chairman Barry reviewed with Commission Members: Disposal Charges; Electric Bill; Permits; Printing & Publications; Payroll; Recording Secretary; Porta-Potty Rental; Repairs, Building & Signs; Telephone; Water Analysis.

Chairman Barry discussed the maintenance repairs that have been made to the scale. The scale is approximately 40 plus years old. Commission Members agreed to get three estimates for a new scale and consider placing this as a future capital expense item.

Paint Care Collection: Chairman Barry reported that there was a complaint received with regards to an illegal paint that was collected - a rust inhibitor.

Chairman Barry revisited the topic of NECCOG who is interested in having the Town of Brooklyn's Transfer Station as a full time site for hazardous waste. Commission Members feel that there is a high liability that comes with this venture.

Mattress Fee: Chairman Barry discussed with Commission Members a law created by the State of Connecticut regarding recycling mattresses. Commission members discussed increasing the collection fee for mattresses at the Transfer Station.

A motion was made by Bob Lee to raise the mattress charge to \$15 per piece, (box spring and mattress). Don Francis seconds this motion. Discussion held. All in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

Public Commentary: None.

Don Francis asked why there are large and small bags. Bob Lee stated that some Senior Citizens prefer the smaller bags as they are not as big and heavy. Bag cost is \$10 per roll of five 33 gallon bags. Small bags are \$7 per roll of five 17 gallon bags. Don Francis asked if there is an inventory done on the bags/cross check against the sales. Bob Lee stated that once or twice a year they do a count of boxes located in the storage area. Discussion ensued.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Bob Benson to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Bob Lee seconds this motion. No discussion held. All in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

Audrey Cross-Lussier
Recording Secretary