

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

1. Roll Call: Mike Barry, Chuck Morrison and Bob Lee. The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m.

Absent: Don Francis with notice. Bob Benson without notice.

Also Present: Sandra Brodner, liaison-Board of Finance, Audrey Cross-Lussier, Recording Secretary.

2. Approval of Special Meeting Minutes November 13, 2014. A motion was made by Bob Lee to approve the special meeting minutes of November 13, 2014. Chuck Morrison seconded this motion. Discussion held. All in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

3. New Business:

a. Discussion with First Selectman, Rick Ives; Regional Hazardous Waste Day and Town wide curbside garbage collection.

Selectman Ives discussed with Commission Members Town wide curbside garbage collection. Casella gave a quote of \$352,000 for a once a week pick-up of 3,200 residences, which works out to about \$110 per year. Discussion held. Chairman Barry will contact Casella Waste Manager, Gerry Galena to invite him to a future meeting for further discussion.

Chairman Barry commented that the Town is going through a lot of recycling totes which is added cost to the Town. Discussion held.

Selectman Ives discussed with Commission Members a regional hazardous waste facility. The initiative seeks \$690,000 to put in place a regional household hazardous waste collection center at the Town of Brooklyn Public Works Center. NECCOG is searching out a grant for the proposed. The facility would be a fully enclosed drive-thru metal building on a slab, nothing is handled outside, and all is delivered inside. Selectman Ives feels we have the room at the site for such a project. There are 16 Towns in NECCOG, 5 of which are members of the Willington

Hazardous Waste Program which is seasonal, but very efficiently run. This would leave 11 Towns to participate. Selectman Ives stated that this would be set up as a separate corporation where NECCOG would be the sponsor and provide the employees, the Town of Brooklyn would provide the land. The cost would be shared with other Towns. Selectman Ives discussed the liability/insurance aspect of the project.

Bob Lee voices his concerns with regards to the owner of the property and the liability of any clean-up cost. Mr. Lee feels that it is a great concept, however, the way to handle it is to have the State of Connecticut own it and the Town will run it, therefore any liability falls to the State.

Mr. Ives believes that a municipal entity should own it rather than the Town.

Sandra Brodeur asked if the two fire chiefs of the two fire departments be invited to the next discussion of this topic. Mr. Ives agreed.

Selectman Ives would like to bring in more people for further discussion of this topic. Bob Lee suggests having an environmental attorney attend as well.

Selectman Ives recommends when the Commission is reviewing their 2015-2016 budget to consider lowering the amount of expenses and the amount of revenues down to the actual numbers. Discussion held.

b. Take 2 Secure Electronics Recycling.

Take 2 Secure Electronics Recycling is a company from Waterbury, CT. They are interested in taking the electronic waste from the Transfer Station. They provide a 20' or 40' ground level storage trailers or POD's to the sites. Discussion held. Chairman Barry will invite a representative to attend a meeting for further discussion.

c. Paint Care Program.

Chairman Barry commented that the Paint Care Program is going very well.

d. Budget.

Commission Members discussed the current budget.

e. Discussion of Annual Budget 2015-2016.

Commission Members discussed the 2015-2016 budget. Chairman Barry will ask Sherri Soucy for the year end detailed budget reports and e-mail to members. Chairman Barry would like to discuss the 2015-2016 budget at the regular January 14th meeting.

f. Other New Business: None.

4. Public Commentary: None.

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Chairman Barry to go into executive session at 7:40 p.m. to discuss "Transportation." Chuck Morrison seconds this motion. No discussion held. All in favor. The motion passes.

A motion was made by Bob Lee to come out of executive session at 7:55 p.m. Chuck Morrison seconds this motion. No discussion held. All in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

5. Adjourn: A motion was made by Bob Lee to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m. Chuck Morrison seconds this motion. No discussion held. All in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

Audrey Cross-Lussier
Recording Secretary