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TOWN OF BROOKLYN RESOURCE RECOVERY COMMISSION Wednesday, January 11, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes

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1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mike Barry, Roger Pellerin, Bob Lee, Randy Brumbaugh, Peter Menounous, and Tom Pallone.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Chris Atsales, Landfill Attendant, Maura Bowen, Liaison from Board of Finance and Audrey Cross-Lussier, Recording Secretary.

2. **Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes December 14, 2011:**

A motion was made by Roger Pellerin to approve the meeting minutes of December 14, 2011. Bob Lee seconds this motion. Discussion on the motion. Randy Brumbaugh would like the minutes to reflect that the "h" was left off on the spelling of his last name. All in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

3. **New Business:**

- a. **Discussion of Casella Waste Management Bid.**

A discussion was held with regards to the Casella Waste Management Bid. The contract will be a cost savings to the Town. Mr. Barry has met with Casella Waste manager and the personnel who schedule the truck trips. Mr. Barry stated that with regards to response time for removal/replacement of the bulky waste containers, Casella Waste will supply an extra bulky waste container at the Transfer Station. The recycling pick up will be every other week Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. Every homeowner will be supplied with a recycling toter. There will be no separating of paper, cardboard, cans, bottles or plastic necessary, everything is placed into the toter (co-mingle). Casella will provide residents a brochure with this information.

Casella Waste Management will not be picking up drain oil; however, Mr. Barry conversed with Highway Director, Tom Rukstela who is interested in collecting the oil at the Highway Garage. Bob Lee recommends that Mr. Rukstela acquires EPA approval beforehand. Mr. Barry will speak with Mr. Rukstela regarding this issue.

Maura Bowen, Liaison from the Board of Finance was welcomed to join the meeting by Chairman Barry. Mr. Barry brought Ms. Bowen up to date on the Casella Contract and the day to day function of the Transfer Station.

b. Budget:

Roger Pellerin updated the Commission members on the revenue. The first half of the fiscal year the revenue was \$50,712 as compared to \$52,315 the year before, which is \$1,603 less. Large bag revenue is \$1,068, small bag revenue has a \$30 increase, however, bulky waste is down \$2,071.

The third quarter of last year 2011 January through March was below as far as receipts were concerned. The fourth quarter 2011 April through June was a good quarter.

Mr. Pellerin reviewed the expenses with Commission members – electric, repairs, signs, and contractual services (curbside recycling and bulky disposal).

Mr. Pellerin and Chairman Barry will start working on the 2012-2013 budget in the near future.

c. Update on Rawson Materials:

Chairman Barry commented that Rawson Materials has a change in plan and is now in negotiations with Laframboise in Canterbury, CT; therefore they will no longer need the use of the Transfer Station scale. The Town will pay for the repairs to the scale. Chairman Barry stated Rawson will still maintain the Transfer Station Road.

d. Trash Bags:

Chairman Barry received a letter from a company with regards to trash bags. The last purchase of trash bags for the Transfer Station was in December 2010 for \$4938. There are approximately enough bags left for the next 2-3 months. Bob Lee cautions on the quality of the trash bags if a new vendor is entertained. Chairman Barry will contact the company and have them send a bag sample and review fees.

e. Brush Pile Sign:

With regards to the State of Connecticut denying the burning of the brush pile due to scrap lumber being placed in the brush pile, Chairman Barry would like to have a sign made for the brush pile stating “no construction debris-strictly enforced.” This will hopefully deter residents from discarding scrap lumber into the brush pile.

f. Disposal of Light Bulbs:

Commission members discussed the disposal of the new mercury light bulbs (curly bulbs) and fluorescent lights.

4. Public Commentary: None

- 5. Adjourn:** A motion was made by Randy Brumbaugh to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Bob Lee seconds this motion. No discussion held. All in favor. The motion passes unanimously.


Audrey Cross Lussier
Recording Secretary