

# Town of Burlington Solid Waste Committee

09/12/2019

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by chairman Robert Jorgensen. Present were Rob Jorgensen, Janet Schwartz, Tom Wherle, and Paul Bystrak

1. R. Jorgensen reported that Ted Shafer is finalizing the agreement with Simple Recycling regarding their curbside clothing and fabric recycling program. This program (Pink Bag) should be starting in the near future.
2. R. Jorgensen reported that the MSW collection contractor has suggested a change in the curbside Bulky Waste Collection. They are suggesting that the program be changed from a one month per quarter collection period to a continuous collection program. All collections will required to be scheduled by a phone call from the resident to the collection company. The company will verify the acceptability of the item that the resident wishes to dispose of. The Board of Selectmen are planning on accepting this change. The SWC consensus opinion is that this is acceptable, and the transition will be non-problematic.
3. R. Jorgensen reported that the curbside recyclable collection program is experiencing significant issues at the regional collection facility level. The current regional collection agreement has resulted in a significant increase in tipping fees due to the collapse of the recycling market. The current tipping fee is at around \$80.00 per ton and is subject to up or down changes based on a market cost index. There is no limit on the potential for tipping fee increases. The previous tipping fee was a credit of \$9.00 per ton. The adverse market conditions are due to the withdrawal of China from the recycling business. It appears that the high tipping fees will persist for several years or more.

The next meeting has not been scheduled.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM (Schwartz / Wherle)

Submitted by:

Robert O. Jorgensen

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