

**Trash & Recycling Task Force Ad Hoc Committee
May 18, 2020 Virtual Trash Meeting**

MEETING MINUTES

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathy Aguiar, Finance Committee
Lee Azinheira, DPW Director
Christina Collins, DPW Office Manager
Mike Ahern, Public Buildings/Special Projects Manager
Steve Schoonveld, Select Board Member
Neil Rhein, Select Board Clerk
Graham Wilson, Board of Health

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Kevin Dumas, Town Manager
Amy Donovan-Palmer, Health Agent

1. Call to Order –

Kathy calls the meeting to order and reads the virtual meeting guidelines.

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the meetings from March and April are discussed; Kathy has one minor change; Mike Ahern makes motion to approve both March and April's minutes with Kathy's amendment; Christina seconds motion; Kathy takes vote orally and all members approve the motion to approve the minutes with the minor amendment

3. Grant Update from Christina & Kathleen Mirza

Kathy Mirza gives a complete detailed synopsis of the grants available through the DEP; in depth discussion about the grant, all the different parts and the fact that Mansfield currently utilizes and receives points which in turn become money for the Town of Mansfield; currently Mansfield has about \$16000 in that account;

Kathy Mirza continued with a detailed synopsis of all the different sections of the grant and describes them all to the committee members – describing each section; sections include mattress recycling; pay as you throw; education/enforcement; curbside recycling; drop-off recycle center; school recycling assistance; waste reduction/organics; and the recycle dividends program, which Mansfield is currently involved in;

In-depth conversation ensues about the recycling program and how Mansfield receives its dividends and money and for what areas; conversation about how to get more points; although Kathy specifically pointed out Mansfield has been doing great and has even received two more points this year even in this Covid-19 pandemic;

Mansfield has received 2 points for solid waste; 1 point organics; 2 points bulky waste; 2 pts yard waste; 2 points for green; 1 point for outreach and 1 point textile recovery for a total of 11; long discussion ensues about other recycling money or grants that the Town could apply for before June 10th; committee members discuss recycling in depth;

Short discussion about the Recycling IQ kit too; and then back to long discussions about recycling and all the options about many different areas

4. Update on Metrics

Contract is extended with Waste Management until June of 2022; Lee will pull all the information together and circulate to group for next meeting on tonnage; bulky items; white goods; etc.; there has been a slight increase in tonnage since the Covid-19 pandemic began;

5. Report on Hazardous Waste Day

Graham does not have an update on Hazardous Waste Day; Board of Health did briefly talk about the trash haulers regulation and they are not against having trash hauler by-laws wherein they have to provide recycling where they pick-up trash (such as condos; apartments, etc); Neil will do some research and report back at the next meeting; short discussion on trash hauling and related items;

6. Goals update

Deferred to next meeting.

7. Items Not Known 48 Hours Prior to Meeting

Lee reports that the Recycle Park will open on Tuesday, May 26th and will open for the entire week so that there is not a surge of people all at once; certain number of cars will be allowed in at a time to maintain social distancing guidelines; masks will need to be worn; will be a lane for people with just yard waste to pass through to compost; will need extra workers for the remainder of the year to better control the flow and maintain the 6 car limit at a time;

Information will be posted in multiple areas about the re-opening and what is required and how it will work; also short discussion about how the hours of the green may change eventually subject to Select Board approval;

Discussion about consultant Jessica Wozniak's first two posts on Facebook—the first post was advising residents of proper disposal of masks and gloves that are littering areas around Town. The second post was advising residents on proper disposal of plastic bags and not to place them in the recycling containers.

The committee expressed concern with regard to the face masks and gloves which have been littering a lot of commercial areas in Town and needs to be dealt with; Graham will discuss this ongoing issue with Amy and the Board of Health to see what can be done;

Neil is pleased about the new fence at the Mansfield Green and inquired about when the shrubs will be planted; Mike informs the committee that the plantings and landscaping will be starting next week; Neil also talks about his zoom presentations with regard to keeping Massachusetts beautiful and asks if the Town is interested in this zoom presentation; typically he presents the program on zoom with 20 or more people; it was noted that a motion to have this presentation, which a funding source would need to be identified, cannot be entertained at this point and would need to be a future agenda item.

8. Next Meeting of June 8th

Everyone agrees on June 8th meeting;

Follow-up: Metrics information; private hauler regulations; green hours; any grant to help with Green;

9. Adjournment

Mike Ahern made motion to adjourn; Lee Azinheira 2nd the motion; meeting adjourned 8:05 p.m.

Neil – Yes

Steve- Yes

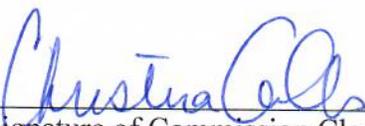
Mike- Yes

Christina-Yes

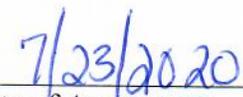
Lee-Yes

Graham-Yes

Respectfully submitted,
Christina Collins



Signature of Commission Clerk



Date of Acceptance