

Solid Waste and Recycling Committee
Meeting held at 120 Theophilus Smith Rd
South Dennis, MA 02660 from 10am-12noon
Approved Minutes - 6/27/2025


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Attendance: J Brimdyr, Chairperson: M Vincent: M Kyrimes: J Stevens, recording Secretary:
J O'Connor: M Lavin, DPW: C Contonio, Transfer Station Foreman
Absent: D Wittmer, Vice-Chairman: J Terrio, Select Board Liaison: J Johnson
Call to order 10:06am

Minutes of past meetings. M Vincent moves that the 1/24/25 minutes be accepted as amended on March 27, 2025. 2nd by J O'Connor. Unanimous aye votes.
M Vincent moves that the 6/4/2025 special meeting minutes be accepted. 2nd by M Kyrimes. Unanimous aye votes.

Director's report. The sewer project is in the neighborhoods now. 134 to Rte 28 will begin after Labor Day. There will be traffic changes for the Transfer Station when the treatment plan reaches Theophilus Smith Road. The plans are available on the Web Site including an e-mail sign up on the first page for updates.

Summer has arrived with more than the usual TS traffic.
The new roll-off and loader have been ordered. They are both being paid out of the Capital fund so the order went in before the July 1 fiscal year.
The TS is looking at getting a fixed message board.
We are fully staffed at the TS including seasonal employees. The pay rate has been upgraded to \$19/hr. There need to be some policy changes and M Lavin will be meeting with the board of health to discuss some updates as the policies are a bit out of date.

TS Foreman report: Looking at repairs to the scale. There is approximately a 10 yr life expectancy but there is a possibility of replacing the deck with concrete which is more durable and the life expectancy could be 30 years.

The plate reader is working well. There are still some data input problems. People are being sent back to Town Hall after the 1st rejection to have the data corrected. There have been some questions about confidential information being disseminated as there have been problems with phishing. Our information is safe.

Chair information: Our quorum is 4. Our membership is actual 7 members plus 2 alternates so there is not a problem with a sub-committee of 3 meeting without an agenda. There are 2 full member openings. Suggested message "Come talk trash with us"!

There is no old business.

New business: There was someone on Zoom but no one is waiting now.

Motion made by J Stevens: "The committee members shall meet at least quarterly per the fiscal calendar." 2nd by M Kyrimes.

Discussion: The committee used to meet monthly when the TS renovations were in discussion and then in progress but, as the work is now done, there is no need. Anticipated meeting dates: August 22, 2025: December 5, 2025: February 27, 2026 and May 22, 2026. Meetings at the DPW boardroom from 10-12 am. Special meetings could be called as needed.

There were some problems with campaigning at the TS this spring. As this is town property, campaigning is permitted but, due to safety concerns and the campaigners not obeying the TS workers, there may have to be some rules established. M Lavin will be taking the problem to the Select Board for a resolution.

Concerns about people walking across from the recycle bins on the right side to the trash receptacles on the left were made by committee members. This has been brought up before but cones and saw horses have not been helpful. The possibility of changing where bins are placed was discussed. If needed, the compactors are \$75,000 each. Electricity is in place.

This has been referred to C Contonio for inspiration.

The August meeting will need budget results and up to date sticker sales.50

Move to adjourn by J Stevens at 11:50 am. 2nd by M Kyrimes. Unanimous aye votes.