

Solid Waste & Recycling Committee  
Minutes August 22, 2025

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Attendance: J Brimdyr, Chairperson: J Stevens, Secretary: M Vincent: M Kyrimes: J Johnson: J Terrio  
(Select Board Liaison: C Contonio (Transfer Station Foreman) attended via Zoom

Absent: D Wittmer, V Chairperson: J O'Connor

Call to order: 10:07

Recording Secretary report from a Seminar on agenda making, minute taking and record keeping held on Monday August 18, 2025. Run by KP Law.

Agendas, minutes and attendance must be much more detailed than had previous been advertised and taken. Think about the ramifications if someone 10 years from now should go back to try to reconstruct the meetings.

The SWRC needs clarification on sub-committees. If there is a quorum in attendance, the meeting must be posted and minutes must be taken if the sub-committee takes its findings to a regular meeting.

Mike Lavin (DPW Director) was not able to attend

Chad Contonio (Transfer Station Foreman) via Zoom with poor reception. Still fully staffed but the users are dwindling down due to the end of the season. Traffic is at capacity on Saturdays and Sundays.

Waiting on a new roll-off to replace the old one..

The sewer has not impacted the TS yet. Work scheduled to begin in September.

A question for Chad. How difficult would it be to reconfigure the TS or could it be done adding additional trash receptacles to the left side. Chad answered that it could be done but would be costly. The feasibility question will be asked of M Lavin at the next meeting.

Question: With the number of Vacation Rentals dumping trash in dumpsters and at the beach, is there anything that can be done? Refer to next meeting.

John Terrio questions: Do we have a wide angle camera with voice recording capability covering the entire facility? Answer: The cameras do cover the facility. The cameras were installed within the past year but there is no audio.

New Business: Financial consideration for sticker price in 2026.

If deemed necessary, prices can be increased by 5% without going to Town Meeting. We need real time numbers at the December meeting.

M Vincent notes that the fee for Barnstable has risen to \$375!!!

John Terrio questions whether there are any upcoming expenses that we know of. There are pieces of equipment which have come to the end of their usable life.

J Johnson asks whether it would be possible to make a “pinch point” between the sides to make it safer for the users to walk from the recycle area on the right to the trash receptacles? Chad: Probably not a good idea. This is a people problem, there are enough trash bins but many of the users do not want to start their car and they would rather just cross in traffic.

C Contonio. On the whole, the Transfer Station is much safer than it was before.

Report from J Terrio (Select Board Liaison) The sewer project will begin on September 4, 2025. It will be starting all over town by 5 different companies. Expect to be inconvenienced so plan for extra time. In the end, the hookups will be borne by the homeowner.

The town is looking at an override for Carleton Hall and the Graded School House renovations.

The County will be looking at a surtax for properties over \$2 Mil for housing.

The county received \$41 Mil for Covid, the towns received \$21 Mil divided.

Acceptance of the minutes of June 27, 2025 were moved by M Kyrimes as amended on August 22, 2025 with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by M Vincent. Aye votes: Brimdyr, Stevens, Vincent, Kyrimes, Johnson. There were no nay votes.

The next meeting will be at the DPW board room on December 5, 2025 from 10am until 12noon.

A motion to adjourn was made by J Stevens at 11:06 with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by M Vincent. Aye votes: Brimdyr, Stevens, Vincent, Kyrimes, Johnson. There were no nay votes.