



## ***Recycling Sustainability Committee***

### ***Minutes***

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Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019

5:30pm

Hudson Town Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room

***Committee members: Steven Sharek (chair) Michael Delfino (vice chair), Sean Frey, Jacqueline Gillis, Jillian Jagling, Fred Lucy II, Kathryn Nardozza***

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### **New business**

- 1. Call Meeting to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 5:37pm. Committee members present were: Steven Sharek, Michael Delfino, Jacqueline Gillis, Fred Lucy, and Kathryn Nardozza. Also present was Kelli Calo (Director of Public and Community Health), Irene Congdon (MassDEP rep), Gary DePaolo (BP Trucking), and Stephen DePaolo (BP Trucking).
- 2. Approval of Minutes of May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019:** Jacqueline Gillis motioned to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Fred Lucy. The motion carried 4-0-1.
- 3. Review of Questions for Haulers and Format for Meetings:** The RSC reviewed a list of questions for trash haulers prepared by the Chair and Kelli Calo. There were no additional questions to be added.
- 4. Meeting with B-P Trucking:** The RSC met with Gary DePaolo, Vice President of BP Trucking. Mr. DePaolo explained that BP currently does residential pick up in: Hudson, Wayland, Sudbury, Stow, Acton, and Boxborough. Mr. DePaolo stated that they would preferably want a 6-months' notice to the start of the program. He stated that the program, in the inception with approx. 2,000 signed up, would run with two trucks (1 recycling, and 1 trash) 5 days a week. Mr. DePaolo explained that he preferred separate trucks because dual chamber trucks would slow down operations. Mr. DePaolo explained that they would likely request a 30 day pay out term and suggests that the Town bill in advance, not in the rears. Mr. Sharek, Chair, asked Mr. DePaolo about the charge to the town and Mr. DePaolo gave the break down as follows: Disposal would be

at cost, Labor would be between \$18-\$22/month/household, and the Cart and Admin fees would be up to the Town. Mr. Sharek stated that the “average cost willing to pay” was \$297 (based on survey results), and asked Mr. DePaolo if this was “doable” and Mr. DePaolo stated that he believed it was. The RSC asked Mr. DePaolo what they would do if they discovered a household’s recyclables in the solid waste cart. Mr. DePaolo stated that the trucks they have are equipped with cameras so they are able to visualize what is being dumped and he stated that they would not service the cart and tag it. Mr. DePaolo also explained that they are locally owned, would provide a hotline for the Town, would post the rules and regulations on their website, and would continue to accept bulky waste/yard waste/tires at the transfer station for residents. Stephen DePaolo, also of BP Trucking, entered the meeting with Gary DePaolo was nearing the completion of this discussion with the Committee.

5. **Initial Public Hearing Discussion:** The Public Forum is scheduled for June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 6:30pm at the Hudson Police Station. The RSC will be hosting the Public Forum in conjunction with the Hudson Board of Health. The RSC reviewed the PowerPoint and made comments. Kelli Calo will make corrections and will send out the finalized version to the RSC.
6. **Unfinished Business:** The RSC continued the unfinished business to be discussed at the next committee meeting. These unfinished items include: website updates, meeting with Hudson Power and Light about billing, and issues not yet decided by the Committee (size of trash and recycling carts and maximum annual costs to residents).
7. **Next Committee Meeting:** Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 6:30pm (public forum), and July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 5:30pm
8. **Adjournment:** A motion was made and duly seconded to adjourn at 7:55pm.