

**MINUTES OF THE CHESHIRE TOWN COUNCIL SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2019 AT 6:30 P.M. IN ROOM 207-209,
TOWN HALL, 84 SOUTH MAIN STREET, CHESHIRE CT 06410**

Present

Chairman David Veleber, Paul Bowman and Peter Talbot.

Staff: Town Manager Sean Kimball; Asst. Town Manager Arnett Talbot

Mr. Veleber opened the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll and a quorum was determined to be present.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The group Pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

**3. DISCUSSION AND ACTION RE: AUTOMATED TRASH COLLECTION
CONTAINER EXCHANGE AND STATUS.**

Town Manager Kimball distributed a spread sheet showing the requests for container exchange after April 11, 2019. There were 49 requests to swap a 96 gallon container for a 64 gallon container, and 7 requests to swap a 64 gallon container for a 96 gallon container. Total of 56 swaps. There are 201 of the 96 gallon and 398 of the 64 gallon containers in stock. Residents can make swap of containers before July 1, 2019, and there are enough containers to handle the swap.

With regard to the "swap process", Mr. Bowman questioned why this is not an administrative function rather than coming before the Solid Waste Committee to deal with this issue. He stated the Town Manager and Public Works Director could be making these decisions, and they should have the authority and ability to handle the program to the satisfaction of the citizens.

According to Mr. Veleber the idea was to insure rotation and enough containers between the small and large sizes and availability for swapping process.

Following the brief discussion, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Talbot and Mr. Veleber agreed the Council should forego any further action on the container swapping issue.

MOTION by Mr. Talbot; seconded by Mr. Bowman.

MOVED that the Solid Waste Committee approve the container transfers as submitted; and authorize Town Manager Kimball and Town staff to handle any container transfers going forward.

Discussion

For the elderly residents on the list, Mr. Bowman asked for assurance that they can receive garage pickup rather than street pickup.

The committee was told by Mr. Kimball that if there is a person in the house over 70 years old, non-curbside pickup is available...and some elderly residents have declined this service.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

Mr. Kimball and the committee reviewed the information from PW Director Noewatne regarding the Fall bulky waste collection schedule. The proposal is for five (5) weeks of pickup (September 30th to November 2nd) with a make-up week November 4th to November 9th. Saturdays are scheduled in case of inclement weather, large quantities of materials or truck issues, but may not be required. The proposed schedule will enable completion of the bulky waste pickup before the leaf collection program starts. The schedule can be moved a week or two in either direction.

Mr. Talbot commented on keeping away from the Fall Festival weekend, and possibly starting the collection on September 23rd.

According to Mr. Kimball there have been complaints from A.J. Waste and its crews about containers being too close together for pickup of trash and recycling. He said people will be encouraged to leave about three (3) feet of space between containers for pickup.

4. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Bowman; seconded by Mr. Talbot.

MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

Attest:

Marilyn W. Milton, Clerk