

MINUTES OF THE CHESHIRE TOWN COUNCIL SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2011, IN COUNCIL  
CHAMBERS, TOWN HALL, 84 SOUTH MAIN STREET, CHESHIRE CT 06410

Present

Andrew Falvey, Chairman; Steve Carroll and Patti Flynn-Harris.

Staff: Michael A. Milone, Town Manager; Joseph Michaelangelo, Public Works  
Director

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. WALLINGFORD SOLID WASTE PROJECT INTERMUNICIPAL  
AGREEMENT

Mr. Milone stated that the five towns (Wallingford, Meriden, North Haven, Cheshire and Hamden) formed a successor group to the CRRA group, with Covanta. The group wanted to establish a reserve fund of \$2 million, as was done with CRRA. He pointed out that the Intermunicipal Agreement is the formalization of that arrangement, with a mechanism for holding funds and the process to use the reserve funds. This would keep any expense off the towns' budgets.

The Town Council took issue with the previous agreement, and caught that the agreement was not the same from the Policy Board as originally sent to Cheshire. The Policy Board realized the original agreement did not have the word "maintain" and there is other language not in the agreement from one year ago.

A request was made to Covanta to consider allowing the five towns to have a surcharge to the tipping fee for the purpose of providing a revenue stream to be used for the reserve fund. Without this opportunity to piggy back on the tip fee there is no way to have the reserve fund. Covanta has agreed with the request, and will separate this surcharge from the revenue stream and give it to the Policy Board to replenish the reserve fund.

Page 2        The word "maintain" is deleted from #8. there is additional language for the add-on tip fee; the tip fee surcharge will be retroactive to the time of the beginning of the agreement.

Covanta will calculate the tip fee based on the contract with the additional charge added on. The towns do not want to co-mingle the two on a distorted base. The Town of Cheshire pays its tipping fee directly for tonnage.

The Town Attorney has reviewed the agreement carefully and is comfortable with it.

Mr. Falvey commented on Cheshire receiving revenue from CRRA, which is enough to handle the town's 13.41% initial payment into the reserve fund.

Mr. Milone stated that the CRRA check was deposited last year, was never appropriated, so the contribution to be transferred for the town's portion of the \$2 million reserve fund is available.

If the reserve fund goes below \$2 million, Mr. Falvey said that the towns have 24 months to restore the fund. He asked if part of the plan is to go back to \$2 million.

In response, Mr. Milone said that because the word "maintain" is out of the agreement, the towns can plan to restore only half a million dollars. There is no obligation to get back to the \$2 million level. The obligation of the towns is to have a "plan."

MOTION by Ms. Flynn-Harris; seconded by Mr. Carroll.

MOVED that the Solid Waste Committee approve the Intermunicipal Agreement and forward it to the full Town Council for approval.

VOTE           The motion passed unanimously by those present.

#### 4.       AMENDMENT TO COVANTA AGREEMENT

Mr. Milone said the purpose of the amendment is to have a mechanism in place for the town to generate revenue to replenish the reserve fund without tapping into the operating budget. Some sections were added to the amendment.

MOTION by Mr. Carroll; seconded by Ms. Flynn-Harris.

MOVED that the Solid Waste Committee approves the amendment to the Covanta Agreement and forwards it to the full Town Council for approval.

VOTE           The motion passed unanimously by those present.

#### 5.       ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Carroll; seconded by Ms. Flynn-Harris.

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MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

VOTE        The motion passed unanimously by those present.

Attest:

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Marilyn W. Milton, Clerk