

**MINUTES OF THE CHESHIRE TOWN COUNCIL SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2019, AT 6:30 P.M. IN ROOM 207-
209, TOWN HALL, 84 SOUTH MAIN STREET, CHESHIRE CT 06410**

Present

Chairman David Veleber, Members - Paul Bowman and Peter Talbot
Staff: Town Manager Sean Kimball; Asst. Town Manager Arnett Talbot; PW Director
George Noewatne

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

Town Manager Kimball advised that the date for arrival of the automated trash carts is April 1st. There has been resident feedback with requests for the smaller, 64 gallon carts, especially for 1 or 2 bedroom homes and condo residences, and for those people over 65 years old.

Mr. Noewatne reviewed the information submitted on the automated trash collection program details. He explained the 2019 program is similar to the automated recycling collection program implemented in 2012.

Solid Waste Automated Pickup 2019

96 gallon containers – all residents will receive 96 gallon containers with the exception of those cited for 64 gallon containers. Three+ bedroom homes will receive the 96 gallon containers.

64 gallon containers - One(1) and two (2) bedroom homes; condominiums that have curbside solid waste collection; and those people receiving non-curbside pickup (rear yard) will continue to use their current trash cans.

There is a small window of people wanting the 64 gallon carts; all carts stay with the house; 200 extra 64 gallon carts were purchased for the swap of carts; non-curbside pickup residence (about 170) will receive a new container with A.J. Waste continuing to pick up with a smaller truck. Residents can swap a 96 gallon for a 64 gallon container, or a 64 gallon for 96 gallon container.

The current/older trash cans used by residents will have a disposal drop-off location, or picked up by A.J. Waste. Bulky waste collection in Fall 2019 can include collection of the old trash cans. The extra solid waste recyclable containers will be stored and inventory kept by A.J. Waste.

64 gallon carts - \$45.49 per cart; 1,500 ordered; \$68,235.

96 gallon carts - \$51.80 per cart; 8,000 ordered; \$414,000.

Total cost of carts - \$482,635. The approved capital appropriation for the automated trash collection program was \$500,000.

All the carts have the code number and RFID number for inventory and tracking.

Committee members, Ms. Flynn-Harris, Mr. Bowman and Mr. Veleber stated their support for the automated trash collection program.

It was pointed out by Mr. Kimball that the automated trash collection is different from the automated recycling collection, in that it is a weekly collection vs. biweekly recycling collection. There are more 64 gallon size needed for automated trash collection, and additional containers can be ordered in lots of 54 per order.

Mr. Kimball cited the costs for getting an additional 96 gallon container. The charge for the container is \$51.80 paid to the Town, and additional \$100 per year to A.J. Waste for the collection of a 2nd container. Collection of the \$100 fee is the responsibility of A.J. Waste.

Swap Program – the swap for larger or smaller containers requires the review and approval of the Solid Waste Committee. There is a form to be completed for swapping of containers or purchase of an additional container. The forms were reviewed and approved by the committee. The forms will be on the Town of Cheshire web site and available at Town Hall, and applications will be received until July 2019.

Mr. Noewatne reported that for the automated recycling program in 2012, only 97 people switched from 96 gallon to 64 gallon containers.

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

MOVED that the Solid Waste Committee approves the proposal for the automated solid waste collection program for the Town of Cheshire.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

Attest:

Marilyn W. Milton, Clerk