

**MAY 9, 2019**

**REGULAR MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NEW HAVEN  
SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING AUTHORITY**

A regular meeting and public hearing of the New Haven Solid Waste and Recycling Authority (the “Authority”) was held on Thursday, May 9, 2019 at 5:30 P.M. in the New Haven Solid Waste and Recycling Authority’s Offices, 14 Trumbull Street, Suite 102, New Haven, CT 06511. Called to Order at 5:35

Board Members present: G. Antunes, R. Miller, V. Fasano  
Others present: Pierre Barbour (Executive Director), Carleen LaFitte (Treasurer),  
Gary Hoefling (All – American Waste), Shawn Brown, Secretary

Meeting called to order by Gerald Antunes at 5:35 P.M.

Minutes for April 11, 2019 and April 26, 2019 meetings were reviewed; Fasano moved to approve minutes, second by Miller. No further discussion.

Voice Vote:

AYES: D. Abubakar, G. Antunes, V. Fasano, R. Miller

NAYES:NONE

ABSTENSIONS:NONE

Treasurer’s Report: Presented by C. Lafitte, with explanation of comparative data content. New format changed to reflect a comparison. Antunes: Does the new format work for everybody? Barbour stated it was Month to month comparison basis, as requested by the Board. Miller: Does the payment to Fairbanks Scale come out of the construction fund? Barbour: “Yes” with an explanation of the payment coming out of the operating fund first and reimbursed from the Capital Project fund. One-time expense for the scale repairs. Does the authority have a scale maintenance contract to which Barbour affirmed the authority does have a contract.

Tonnage Report: Presented by P. Barbour. Residential tonnage is up, commercial tonnage down (plateauing) due to tonnage agreement compliance. Question from Antunes: Are tonnage agreement monthly or annual with concern over elevated levels of waste coming in at the end of a fiscal year?. Barbour: Expected to increase July / August. Discussion of agreement wordage along with change proposals. Recycling totals are fairly connected with prior years (slight increase for April). Miller: Where do commercials take their recycling? Barbour stated that there are other commercial recycling processors available to commercial haulers. Commercial haulers are using other recycling facilities and there is too much recycling debris mixed in with MSW. A lot of commercial residential are not recycling (do not ask / it is not provided). commercial tonnage up over the prior month. Recycling reflects need for further education. The Authority is working with BOE on recycling process due to demands of students, families and teachers. Barriers were raised, however, regarding accessibility and finances. Graph and data summary presented covers 2014 – 2019 (to date). Discussion of waste to energy in Wallingford.

Barbour discussed that, per the NHSWRA Charter, Public Hearing re Proposed FY19-20 Budget must be scheduled in June. Public Notice required for June 13, 2019 meeting. Barbour to Board Secretary: Budget meeting has to be publicly noticed.

Draft of FY 2020 Annual Budget presented and discussed, including all revenue, expense and personnel line items.

Single – Use Plastic Shopping Bags proposal by an entity outside of the Authority was shared by P. Barbour. It implies that NHSWRA would be responsible for enforcing the single – use plastic shopping bags for all merchants, large and small. Barbour discussed his concerns with the role that the Authority should play. Miller inquired as to how other towns perform enforcement of their bag bans. Miller and other Board members stated that enforcement for the Authority would be a challenge. Proposals were made to contact the source with written concerns.

Communications - None

Old Business – None

New Business – Rock to Rock donation to kids to ride bikes. \$25 was donated from the Solid Waste Authority. Thanks for the contribution; almost \$2,000 was raised to support the Newhallville Youth Cycling Club.

Public Comments – None

Adjournment – Miller moved to adjourn meeting, second by Fasano. Meeting adjourned 6:48 P.M.