Present: Rich Menge, Simon Dennis, Bethany Fleishman, Martha McDaniel, Todd Allen, Harry Kendrick, Shawn Kelley

Meeting convened at 5:40 PM

Agenda:
1. Citizen comments
2. Review/approve minutes from 1-12-15 meeting
3. Discuss community education/communication in preparation for Town Meeting
4. Other business

Discussed:
(no non-Committee citizens present)

1. **1-12-15 meeting minutes**
   Harry moved approval (with corrected date); Simon seconded; approved unanimously.

2. **Discuss community education/communication in preparation for Town Meeting**

What questions/issues have been surfacing on the Hartford listserv / Facebook pages, and in other settings? Answers to these questions might constitute the content for a Forum letter in the Valley News, and become a Fact Sheet available at upcoming events in the town meeting cycle.

- **a. what’s actually mandated by Act 148?**
- **b. what’s the participation rate for curbside recycling in Hartford?** This is tough to answer definitively. Our data points come from several sources:
  - DSM report of 2012 (note that this antedated the switch to single-stream recycling)
    - survey at transfer station of arriving vehicles; 40-65% reported using curbside Town-supported service
    - following the curbside pickup truck on several days, and estimating % of households putting out recyclables
  - tonnage estimates of recyclables collected by Casella at curbside on this program: no increase since the switch to no-sort (this might be true even though more plastic was being recycled, since it’s so light)
- **c. do Hartford residents have trouble getting their recyclables to curbside; how many households don’t have an accessible “curbside”?**
  best estimate –about 60 (out of a total of 4,789 “adjusted” households, from 4/14 DSM report)
- **d. is the hand-sorted recycling of “mandated recyclables” being done at the transfer station profitable for the Town?**
  It’s complicated. Viewed in isolation, no; dealing with these materials overall led to a net loss of $2,600 in 2013-4. BUT about 600 tons were collected; recycling these is considerably cheaper than the tipping fees that would be paid for putting them in the Lebanon landfill.
- **e. How will Act 148 be enforced?**
  Unclear to us, and probably a topic of general discussion at ANR as rules for implementation become better defined.
- **f. as of July 1, 2015, what is the responsibility of private haulers with regard to recyclables?**
  Private haulers of ≥ 1 ton must offer recycling pickup unless it’s offered by the municipality.
g. a series of “did-you-know?” items for publicity (e.g. Hartford listserv)
   • curbside recycling is now no-sort (list what’s pickup up)
   • any bin/box/can etc. is OK to hold recyclables of curbside pickup
   • recycling – does it save resources?
   • etc.

h. avenues for public education messages
   • Forum article from HSWC (answering above questions)
   • fact list for new residents
   • Quechee Lakes listserv (FX Flinn)
   • survey
   • Town meeting cycle events– candidates’ night, community day
   • school district weekly newsletter
   • CATV (Todd)
   • organizations – Lions, VFW, Rotary (Todd)
   • Hartford Herald

i. our plan for responding to public listserv/Facebook comments and questions
   If one is responding as an individual, whenever; if representing HSWC, circulate draft text
   before publishing.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha McDaniel