



Town of Groton, Connecticut

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Meeting Minutes

Town of Groton Resource Recovery Authority

Councilors Dean G. Antipas, Bruce S. Flax, Bill Johnson, Frank O'Beirne, Jr., Deborah L. Peruzzotti, Rita M. Schmidt, Heather Bond Somers, James L. Streeter, and Harry A. Watson

Tuesday, April 3, 2012

6:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

SPECIAL MEETING

I. Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Somers at 6:35 p.m.

Members Present: Councilor Antipas, Councilor Flax, Councilor Peruzzotti, Councilor Schmidt, Councilor Somers, Councilor Streeter and Councilor Watson

Members Absent: Councilor Johnson and Councilor O'Beirne, Jr.

Also present were Town Manager Mark Oefinger, Town Clerk Betsy Moukawsher, Director of Public Works Gary Schneider, Assistant Director of Public Works John Carrington and Transfer Station Supervisor Stacey Leitch.

II. Approval of Minutes

2012-0063 Approval of Minutes (Groton Resource Recovery Authority)

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING GROTON RESOURCE RECOVERY AUTHORITY MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Groton Resource Recovery Authority meeting of July 12, 2011 are hereby accepted and approved.

A motion was made by Councilor Watson, seconded by Councilor Flax, that this matter be Adopted.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: In Favor: 6 - Councilor Flax, Councilor Peruzzotti, Councilor Schmidt, Councilor Somers, Councilor Streeter and Councilor Watson

Abstain: 1 - Councilor Antipas

III. Public Comment

None.

IV. Communications

None.

V. Old Business

None.

2011-0149 Transfer Station Rates

TRANSFER STATION RATES

Discussed

Gary Schneider, Director of Public Works, outlined the current rate schedule which was developed in 1995. He suggested increasing a day pass from \$5 to \$10, with \$30 for oversized vehicles; and increasing annual permits from \$55 to \$60. He estimated that this would result in an annual revenue increase of \$50,000. Mr. Schneider also gave the comparative rates of surrounding Towns.

Councilor Flax questioned whether the landfill could allow for small engine parts exchange. He also suggested that a one-day pass be \$20, and an annual permit be limited to 15 day trips with a

cost of \$100.

John Carrington, Assistant Director of Public Works, sited the liability to the Town for scavenging.

It was the consensus of the Authority to have the Director of Public Work return in a few weeks with more information regarding the suggested rate increases.

Chairman Somers suggested that the fee for oversized vehicles be raised to \$60 per day and the fee for mattress disposal be set at \$20.

Councilor Watson cautioned the Authority on the impact that rate increases may have and any use limitations to town residents. He stated that many residents consider the Landfill's compost to be one of the best perks of living in the Town of Groton.

VII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilor Flax, seconded by Councilor Watson, to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.