

Solid Waste Committee *SPECIAL* Meeting

Monday, January 20th, 2025, 3:30 PM

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Members Present: Rich Marcou (*Chair*), LeeAnn Mackay, Kent Ruesswick (*BOS rep*) Stephen Rasche, Roy Plisko, Elle Bezanson, Greg Heath

Agenda:

1. Call to Order:

Rich Marcou called the meeting to order at 3:30pm.

2. Accept Previous Minutes:

Kent made a motion to approve January 13, 2025, minutes, Stephen seconded, no further discussion, all voted in favor.

3. New Business:

- **Hazardous Waste Day:** Removed from the budget and placed a warrant article, marked as a special project.
- **Important Deadlines:** Two weekends remaining for petition article signatures (25 needed). Ideal place: the transfer station.
- **Key Dates:** Budget posting on 1/23, budget public hearing on 2/3, and warrant article deadline on 2/4.
- **Petition Article** – The \$6900 placeholder for transfer station; it is uncertain whether funds can be used for updates. Rich expressed the need for clarity, while LeeAnn emphasized forming a capital reserve for grand eligibility.
- **Presentation for Town Meeting-** Rich: revise presentation into a Town Meeting format.
- **Establish a Capital Reserve Fund-** Nonbinding warrant article to procure land for transfer station expansion or closure insurance.
- **Landfill Closure:** DES would initiate it.
- **Feedback from BOS and Budget Committee:** Committee requests more specifics; the primary concern is project necessity.
- **LeeAnn's Concerns:** Need to determine if previous warrant articles can be reversed, with some funds potentially allocated to further studies.
- **Kent's Suggestion:** Reorganize and utilize Kim's expertise. Consult with Ken regarding the use of \$6900 for feasibility studies and potential presentation formats.
- **Plans:**
 - **Plan A:** Warrant article insertion pending Ken's input.
 - **Plan B:** Petition article presentation to gain public support. If Plan A is successful, there is no meeting next week.

Adjournment:

LeeAnn motioned to adjourn, and Stephen seconded at 4:26pm.

Next Meeting: January 27th, 2025, 3:30 PM in the Meeting House.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Hammond

Secretary for the Solid Waste Committee