

SOLID WASTE STUDY COMMITTEE

Date: April 7, 1999

Time: 7:30 PM

Present: John T. Harney, Barry Colt, Cynthia Greene, Ken Feeney, Kristine Trierweiler

1. John Harney made a motion to approve the minutes of March 31, 1999, seconded by Cynthia Greene. Vote was unanimous to approve the minutes.
2. Barry Colt presented a comparison of the Solid Waste use numbers and costs in a graphical format. Ken Feeney provided the use numbers at the last meeting.
 - The solid waste use data, once graphed, shows that the good economy has not impacted the amount of solid waste generated in Medfield
 - The solid waste average per household has not increased, however the increase in the number of households has effected the total amount of solid waste disposal
 - The increase in the number of households will impact the GAT for the Town of Medfield
 - Medfield's per capita average of solid waste disposal is 1/3 less than national average
 - Could be due to large number of residents who spend summers at a 2nd home
 - National average is much higher due to lower tipping fees in other parts of the country (Example: Colorado \$8/ton)
 - Changing demographics for the Town will also affect future solid waste numbers. It appears the over sixty population is decreasing while young family population is increasing.
 - Mr. Feeney will compile information on the actual traffic patterns at the Transfer Station
3. The Committee discussed the scope, format, and distribution of the town-wide survey
 - Goal of the survey is to determine present use of Transfer Station and adequacy of present policies
 - Committee decided to distribute the survey with the Warrant Report which is mailed to each residence in town
 - Ms. Trierweiler will check with the school about printing 4,000 copies of the survey
 - Drop off points for the survey will be Lords, Library, Town Hall, Transfer Station, and Town Meeting.
 - Drop off boxes will be collected on May 1st
 - Committee determined the survey would consist of fourteen questions, a brief introduction, and space for additional comments. Preferable for survey to be one page.
4. Mr. Colt reported that Mr. Standley of the Long Range Planning Committee had just returned this evening from out of town so the meeting with LRPC would take place at a later date
5. Meeting with MEMO is still tentatively scheduled for April 21st at 7:30
6. If allowed by the Moderator, Mr. Harney will provide the Town Meeting with a brief description regarding the work of the Solid Waste Study Committee including the Solid Waste Survey
7. Committee will ask the Medfield Press to run a story on the solid waste survey
8. Committee needs to schedule a town wide public hearing

9. Mr. Harney would like the Committee to examine “enforcement” methods at the transfer station
10. Committee will examine benefits of running the Transfer Station through an Enterprise Fund
11. Next Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 21, 1999
12. Items to be completed for next meeting

Task One: Confirm meeting with MEMO and Long Range Planning Committee
Barry Colt

Task Two: Gather additional information for municipal solid waste survey
Kristine Trierweiler

Task Three: Compile a list of all waste ban items
Ken Feeney

Task Four: Compile traffic patterns at the Transfer Station
Ken Feeney

Task Five: Finalize, print and distribute survey
Kristine Trierweiler, Barry Colt

Task Six: Create boxes for survey drop off
Barry Colt

Task Seven: Solid Waste Press Release for Medfield Press
Barry Colt, Kristine Trierweiler

Task Seven: Draft Statement for Town Meeting
John Harney