

## SOLID WASTE STUDY COMMITTEE

Date: April 21, 1999

Time: 7:30 PM

Present: Ann Thompson, Ken Feeney, John Harney, Don Harding, Barry Colt, Kristine Trierweiler

1. Mr. Colt informed the Committee he had received some information regarding Solid Waste trends throughout the United States. The information was forwarded from the EPA by Cynthia Greene.
2. Committee was informed that the town wide survey was sent out on 4/20/99. A total of 4,588 surveys were distributed to all households and post office boxes in town. All collection boxes will be picked up on May 1<sup>st</sup>.
3. Mr. Colt reported that the Long Range Planning Committee does not believe it has any relevant information/data regarding solid waste management in Medfield.
4. Mr. Colt and Ms. Trierweiler spoke with Kevin Zimmerman of the Medfield Press who is planning on running a story on Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> for the solid waste survey.
5. The Committee met with members of MEMO at 7:45 to discuss the businesses concerns with Solid Waste policies in town. The following is a summary of MEMO's comments:
  - Mr. Maraggio has sold his trash collection business to Waste Management who also operates Wheelebrator
  - MEMO was concerned this was going to increase costs for businesses and residents
  - The School Department will face a substantial cost increase in trash-pickup which will increase the tax rate
  - MEMO believes the increase in the amount of trash is due to the increase in the number of houses not the businesses which are declining
  - Charging the business community \$100/ton is not a business friendly policy
  - Businesses pay the same amount in taxes yet do not add to the school population
  - If commercial trash represents only 20% of the total solid waste then why are they being singled out
  - Are the schools and the other town buildings considered commercial trash?
  - Would like a member of Waste Management to be on Committee
6. Mr. Colt informed MEMO that the Committee was still in a fact gathering stage, a preliminary report will be presented on June 15<sup>th</sup> with a final report to be presented in the early fall.
7. Ms. Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes of April 7, 1999 as written, seconded by John Harney and the vote was unanimous.
8. Mr. Harney will make a very brief statement at Town Meeting regarding the Solid Waste Study Committee and the Solid Waste Survey. Suggested there be extra surveys available at Town Meeting.
9. Committee will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 18, 1999 at 7:30. The purpose of the public hearing is to discuss solid waste policies with the residents of Town.
  - Hearing will be televised on Cable 8
  - Will be held in the Chenery Meeting Room at the Town Hall

10. Ms. Trierweiler informed the Committee they had received a letter from a resident concerned about the new transfer station policy since they bring their residential trash to the transfer station in their commercial truck because it is easier to haul.
11. Mr. Feeney presented initial numbers regarding commercial waste tonnage and cost since the new policy of \$100/ton went into effect. Informed the Committee that Waste Management had begun picking up for Mr. Maraggio's customers and brought all trash and recycling out of town.
12. Ms. Trierweiler will attend a PAYT seminar in Plymouth on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. The seminar is sponsored by DEP, EPA, and Executive Office of Environmental Affairs.
13. Next Meeting is scheduled for April 28, 1999.
13. Items to be completed for next meeting:

### ***New Business***

- Task One:** Contact Cable 8 to confirm filming of public hearing on May 18<sup>th</sup>  
*Kristine Trierweiler*
- Task Two:** Issue Public Hearing Notice to Medfield Press, Hometown Weekly  
*Barry Colt, Kristine Trierweiler*
- Task Three:** Press Release for Public Hearing  
*Barry Colt, Kristine Trierweiler*
- Task Four:** Compile initial survey response  
*Barry Colt, Kristine Trierweiler*

### ***Old Business***

- Task One:** Gather additional information for municipal solid waste survey  
*Kristine Trierweiler*
- Task Two:** Compile a list of all waste ban items  
*Ken Feeney*
- Task Three:** Compile traffic patterns at the Transfer Station  
*Ken Feeney*