

Solid Waste and Recycling Committee  
Date/time: Monday January 9, 2023  
Location: Old Lyme Memorial Town Hall

Attendees: Maryellen Basham, Jim Ward, Fred Behringer, Leslie OConnor, Suzanne Thompson, Tim Griswold

#### Minutes

1. Meeting called to order 6:07pm
2. Suzanne moved to approve meeting minutes of December 12, 2022, seconded by Fred, all in favor.

#### New Business

- A. Suzanne explained Maddy McCulloch's (high school senior) project in relation to clothing collection, informing committee that Maddy may seek support from OLR&SW with regard to advertising project, etc. More information to follow.
- B. Town Hall updates: (move agenda item D to B in order to accommodate Tim's additional meeting schedule)  
Tim reported recycling and waste data for the month of December to be 200 tons of waste and 90 tons of recycling. Also reported and discussed were concerns regarding increasing cost of recycling by CWPM. Committee agrees to learn more about removal processes, and to monitor costs.
- C. Suzanne explained her invitation to appear on the Jim Therriens (Old Saybrook Transfer Station), "A Slice of Life" Show on public television. Suzanne will join a discussion regarding recycling and its challenges. Show will be taped on January 24. Suzanne will let all know when the show will air.
- D. Food Waste Project: Jim Ward described an idea to create a neighborhood initiative in which residents of one designated neighborhood would create a drop off/collections area for food waste which is appropriate to bring to the Food Share Garden at the Old Lyme Senior Center. Jim would like to propose that the OLSW&R committee would support the initiative and consequently possibly use as a model for other neighborhood projects. Items will be added to the February agenda for further discussion and approval.

\*\* In addition to presenting the food waste plan, Jim raised to committee members the need for this community to create and inform citizens of a process/plan with which to present related propositions/ideas/initiatives to the SW&R committee.

Members are in full agreement and Maryellen will add to the agenda for the February meeting.

- E. Committee was officially informed by Suzanne that an assistant to the Selectman has been appointed. Katie Baloca has begun working in this position.

- F. Committee voted to continue (in 2023) to meet the second monday of each month at 6pm.
- G. Mary Ellen shared an email query regarding EPR from Nancy Myer of Middletown. Committee agreed to learn more and discuss it at the next meeting.

Old business

- A. Textile Bins: Maryellen updated. Contract has been signed, a bin will be in place at the Old Lyme Transfer station by the end of January.
- B. Discussion and vote on website changes will be deferred to next month's meeting.
- C. Trex Update:  
Trex Champions were recognized at the town library in November. Event was a success and the committee would like to continue recognizing champions of recycling in our community; however, in the future, schedule the event in the spring in order to be linked to Earth Day celebrations.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Jim Ward at 7:30, seconded by Fred all in favor.