

TOWN OF MANSFIELD  
Solid Waste Advisory Committee  
Minutes of the Meeting  
September 9, 2010

Present: Ames, Roberts, Knox (chair), Milius, Walton (staff), Hultgren (staff)

The meeting was called to order at 7:39 p.m.

The minutes of the June 10, 2010 meeting were accepted as amended.

Staff is proceeding with extending the contract for single-family refuse collection with Mayo & Sons for one more year beginning October 1, 2010. Effective November 1, 2010 the Friday service will be changed to Wednesday. Staff will send a letter to all the residences on Friday's trash/recycling route notifying them that their service will change to Wednesday. The committee discussed providing different sized cans for residents – either automated or non-automated type service - to eliminate the growing use of oversized cans. Hultgren suggested researching automated trash service in other towns.

The committee discussed ways to improve plastic grocery bag recycling at the two Mansfield grocery stores. It was suggested that both stores make the collection area more obvious, train baggers to use fewer bags and provide clerks with a button that promotes cloth bags. Milius volunteered to help with this project. Hultgren suggested that the committee draft a letter to state legislators in support of resurrecting the proposed State retail bag deposit legislation for the next legislative session. A committee member could attend candidates' night to ask them to support retail bag deposit legislation.

Walton reported that volunteers from various organizations are lined up to help with the waste stations at the Festival on the Green on September 12, 2010. Walton reviewed the trash sort since all the members in attendance would be volunteering.

Hultgren reported that Town Council approved the solid waste regulations revisions, which beginning October 1, 2010, will allow service levels to be increased as an enforcement tool for non-conforming households – those consistently over their service level or not recycling.

The Town is in the process of hiring people to pick litter along Hunting Lodge/North Eagleville Roads. UConn will be purchasing trash and recycling cans for the new Hunting Lodge Road walkway. Hultgren suggested that the committee design an adopt-a-road sign that can be brought to the planning and zoning commission for their consideration. Jim Hintz, director of off-campus student services, is working on developing the Mansfield Adopt-A-Road program to make it more attractive to a wider audience.

It was suggested that the next meeting be scheduled for Thursday, October 28 instead of November 4. The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia Walton  
Recycling/Refuse Coordinator

Cc: Lon R. Hultgren, Director of Public Works, Members, file, Town Manager, Town Clerk