

## Minutes

Present: Maya Mundkur, Rachel Rosen, Ted Busky, Sheila McCracken, Virginia Walton (staff)

The meeting was called to order by acting chairperson Busky at 5:38 pm.

The December 16, 2025 meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Mundkur/Rosen.

The agreement between the Town and CT DEEP has not been signed yet. Walton has requested the finalized agreement from DEEP.

Swap shop and electronics reuse (Busky) volunteers provided input into the renovation of the Transfer Station office/garage space. A revised plan to convert this building into a swap shop was submitted to the builders. Public Works staff will meet with the builders this week for a review of the changes. In the spirit of reuse, Walton will reach out to the ReCONNstruction Center to see if they have a cabinet and utility sink that could be used in the renovation.

Members reviewed a revision of proposed changes to the Solid Waste Ordinance and Solid Waste Regulations based on SWAC input in December. There was discussion about adding language in section A196-13(E) to give the transfer station staff discretionary authority to reject large quantities of incoming items. On a motion by Mundkur/Rosen, the proposed changes were accepted, leaving it up to staff to determine whether to add language, and if so how to word it, about transfer station staff authority. These proposed changes will be on the January 26, 2026 Town Council meeting agenda. Members are invited to attend the meeting and speak during public comment.

Walton shared the 26/27 goals that she submitted for the budget. The committee went over some of the actions that could support the goals.

There were nine people interviewed for Walton's positions. Three candidates have been selected for a second interview.

As it is budget season, Walton reported that the 23/24 and 24/25 solid waste budgets were cost neutral. There is a solid waste fund balance of \$997,966. The committee requested a formal financial report with historical data to help them better understand the solid waste budget.

Busky requested a tour of electronics recycler, Take 2. Walton will make arrangements.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia Walton