

## Minutes

Present: Ted Busky, Nicki Pedersen, Sheila McCracken, Virginia Walton (staff), and Dylan Steer (staff).

The meeting was called to order by acting chairperson Busky at 5:37 pm.

Without a quorum present, the January 20, 2026 meeting minutes approval was deferred to next meeting.

Introductions of members was done for the incoming Sustainability & Solid Waste Coordinator Dylan Steer. Members went around the room starting with Steer.

Busky suggested the committee participate in the UConn Give & Go program by collecting usable items from dumpsters around campus.

Walton brought up the plans for the April 25 Earth Day event at the community center. She described the Touch-a-Truck activity occurring so attendees could see the workings of a split body waste truck. A discussion ensued regarding what activity the committee would undertake at a table. McCracken committed to attending the event and helping to man the activity at a table. It was decided that Steer would bring a planned activity to discuss at the next meeting prior to the Earth Day event and coordinate with those not at the meeting.

The committee decided they would conduct their report to the Town Council at the April 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Walton provided an update on the SWAP Shop improvements and the \$100,000 in additional funding approved by the Town Council for the project. The solid waste fund was discussed and it was decided Steer would ask John Carrington to appear before the committee next month to discuss the budget.

Busky provided his report on his tour of the Take 2 electronics recycling facility. He discussed the accepting of LED lights and business-used computers. Some electronics like audio and video game equipment are repaired and sold to the public. Pedersen departed after Busky's report.

Walton provided the Recycling Coordinator's report. She provided updates on the Casella waste facility tours, the aerated static pile composting project at the Transfer Station, and how the transition of the role has been going with Steer coming into the position.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dylan Steer