

Pownal Solid Waste and Recycling Committee

February 26, 2021
Public Proceeding Minutes
Approved

Members present: Will Johnston; Theresa Lofgren; Heidi Richards; Lesley Taisey; Andy Wyatt
Members absent: Zac Cote
Guests: None

1. A quorum was established. The meeting was called to order at 5:03 PM with Ms. Richards in the role of Chair. Mr. Wyatt will record minutes.
2. Mr. Wyatt provided draft minutes for the February 16, 2021 meeting. These were reviewed and approved as written, with four voting in favor and one abstaining.
3. Ms. Richards provided a view of recent data from ecomaine re tonnages and costs for tipping municipal solid waste and recyclables, which were used in support of the committee's decisions for budgeting these expense lines.
4. Ms. Lofgren provided a view of recent data from the Town Administrator re revenue from sales of the Town trash bags, which was used in support of the committee's decision for budgeting this revenue line.
5. After some discussion, the committee decided to fund the Pownal Pride Day line at \$250.00, which will cover the cost of one town-wide mailing informing residents of relevant activities coming this spring. Other communication efforts will be discussed at future meetings, with intent to use free or low-cost messaging.
6. Having completed review of the relevant Solid Waste and Recycling budget lines, the committee voted to recommend a budget with \$113,047 in expense and \$35,200 in revenue. This proposal will be brought to the budget committee for their review.
7. Further discussion followed, including ideas for promoting recycling to the residents of Pownal. Ideas included video productions, possibly utilizing Alan Bradstreet, programs involving the students at Pownal Elementary School, an 'Adopt-a-road' program to encourage roadside clean-up, beyond the annual Pownal Pride Day, and an educational effort on composting as an alternative path for that waste. These ideas will be considered at future meeting of this committee.
8. The next meeting for this committee will be held at 5:00 PM on Tuesday March 9, 2021.
9. Mr. Wyatt made a motion for adjournment. Ms. Richards seconded. The motion passed with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Andy Wyatt

* Zac Cote * Will Johnston * Theresa Lofgren *
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