



CITY OF NEWTON
SOLID WASTE COMMISSION
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Advisory: Environmental Affairs Staff, Michael Rourke, David Turocy

Minutes
January 25, 2007

- Presentation by Fran Towle, Commissioner of Parks and Recreation re: square collections and illegal dumping at parks
- Approximately 80% of barrels contain private/commercial trash
- There is no direct ordinance for illegal dumping: NOTE: Environmental Affairs has used Sec. 20-51. There is no administrative enforcement
- Trash in the squares is very demanding for Parks and Rec
- Would City consider adding squares to the next contract? Parks would keep rec facility pick up
- WMI discussed this some years ago with DPW: weekends will be a problem and WMI does not necessarily go through every village every day
- Could there be a hybrid: Contractor collects during the week and Parks and Rec collects on weekends
- What would be the cost of trash pick up in the squares? Estimated \$10-15k??? Unknown as tonnage is not reported separately; barrels are 25-30 gal in squares and 55 gal in parks
- Could get truck tare and weight at Wellesley, possible cost for tonnage for next meeting
- Big Belly purchased through a grant from MTC, cost is \$4,500 – 5,000 each
- City is experimenting with them and have a concern during snow
- City should consider carry in/carry out policy, one community tried it with little results
- Requires a behavior change on the part of the public and isn't that straight forward a process
- City will be getting containers for a public recycling program for this spring, containers will be a mesh vs solid container, similar to what Concord and Boston are using
- Tried public recycling many years ago and found a lot of contamination
- Could businesses take on the containers in front of their shops?
- In Concord the contractor pick ups 2-3 barrels/week at a cost of \$2.00/barrel

- Minutes accepted as amended
- Need specs from Strategy Subcommittee for contract
- Contract in Law, need Merritt info
- Write up for the Mayor on SWC to date
- Chair and Commissioner should meet with Mayor
- Merritt: Newton could do better than current market, WMI wants Newton as a customer
- Discussion of Lexington bid, got 9 responses
- Natick and Brookline have sent out RFPs
- Brief discussion of open meeting law and SWC
- Chair will be out of town for next meeting in February 8 and Vice Chair will run meeting