

**Approved ~Minutes**  
January 27, 2025, ~ 10 am to noon  
Williamsburg Town Offices, Haydenville, MA

1. Peg Whalen, Town of Chesterfield called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

Board Attendees:

- Ashfield- Absent
- Chesterfield- Peg Whalen
- Cummington- Jim Wettereau, Bob Ely
- Goshen- Laura Barrus
- Huntington- Louis Purington
- Middlefield- Absent
- Plainfield-Jack Nelson and Judith Hanson
- Westhampton- Absent
- Williamsburg- Melinda McCall
- Worthington- Charlie Rose
- Linda Cernik, Administrator

Guest; Bob, Town of Cummington, Transfer station Attendant.

1. The minutes of November 18, 2024, were reviewed and approved, motion made by Peg Whalen 2<sup>nd</sup> Louis Purington, all in favor.
2. Linda gave an overview of the remaining budget, Nothing out of the ordinary. Outstanding invoices were discussed.
3. Guest, Bob Ely, Town of Cummington, transfer station attendant. Bob gave an overview of some of the Towns recycling services. Sayers scrap metal is their vendor, NO charge for the Container or hauling, Pays direct to the town per ton fee. Also discussed CMRK, and the benefits of the program, textile, and small household items. The town places small HH items that don't go from the swap shop into the CMRK bin, they box them up. The Town is paid per pound for the textiles they collect. Linda will provide email addresses for these services for the towns that are interested.
4. Reviewed WM FY26, 3 year hauling rates.
5. Linda updated the Board regarding the Springfield MRF Contract, FY26 5-year Contract, per the Springfield Advisory committee.
6. Topics of Discussion.
  - Linda gave an update on the RDP applications and awards for 2025. Per point increased 1-9 \$450 10-up \$600. Linda reviewed some of the changes to the RDP, Such as Bulky Waste is only 1 point, Brush points have been eliminated, can gain some points with diversity outreach. The Springfield MRF has recycling videos that Towns can link to their website. Linda will explore the links with the advisory Board.
  - Update on the NEW Approved spending categories for RDP, you can use your RDP for a food waste program, Mattresses have been eliminated, Recycling costs. Linda distributed the RDP 2025

Worksheet for your review. Also grant application information, Linda applies for the SMRP grants yearly for all the towns.

- Linda reviewed and distributed the Solid waste and recycling Survey data collection sheet for the towns to complete. Linda completes all the year-end reports to MassDEP.
- HRMC has been awarded \$1000, funds will be used towards the Shredding event to be held May 3, 2025, Town of Williamsburg 9am to 11am, price increased this year.
- Linda distributed the FY26 prevailing wage sheet that was requested to DLS. The hauling rates are based on the local DPW rate , Town of Williamsburg.
- Eric Heideman from Republic services will be at our March 17 meeting to discuss the current market within Solid Waste.
- Linda has expressed some concern about late payments due to HRMC, some are requesting 3 invoices to be sent as a reminder. Linda also discussed that some vendors have a 30 day pay limit, this makes it difficult, HRMC does warrants once a month and some invoices miss that warrant date. Peg discussed the towns paying some of those vendors directly, such as Tire and East coast. HRMC pay NLR, for our universal waste, Linda was able to get them to extend our contract to a 60-day payment period, and clean harbors as well. Linda Will invoice All of the towns for those services. Peg made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lou, all in favor.

**New Business:** Linda proposed that HRMC approve events calendar, Linda distributed the proposed materials. The Board voted to approve and to use a Local printing company, Adams specialty printing. HRMC will pay for these out of budget also limited flyers for each town. The town of Chesterfield also ordered 250 additional calendars that will be paid from their grant funds.

Linda will have all the outreach materials for our March Board meeting.

Meeting adjourned 11:55am

Next meeting May 19, 2025

Respectfully submitted, Linda Cernik