

Approved ~Minutes
September 15, 2025, ~ 10 am to 11am
Williamsburg Town Offices, Haydenville, MA

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

Board Attendees:

- Ashfield- Thomas Poissant
 - Chesterfield- Peg Whalen & John Chandler
 - Cummington- Jim Wettureau
 - Goshen- Myra Zilberberg
 - Huntington- Louis Purington & Jim Arnold
 - Middlefield- Absent
 - Plainfield- Jack Nelson
 - Westhampton- Bill Jablonski
 - Williamsburg- Rusty Loose
 - Worthington- Absent
- Linda Cernik, Administrator

Meeting opened by Chairman John Chandler at 10:05 am.

Reviewed minutes, Chesterfield Abstained as John and Peg were both absent from July 21, 2025, meeting. Lou made a motion and Jim second all in favor, minutes approved.

1. Linda gave an update on The Town Assessments and invoices outstanding to HRMC. All 10 HRMC towns have paid their yearly assessment. Linda Reviewed outstanding Invoices due to HRMC from Universal Swap outs, vendor is NLR. Town of Plainfield and Westhampton have paid invoice to HRMC for universal Waste. The other towns owe outstanding invoices to HRMC, as of 9/15/25. (not included are Goshen and Worthington)
2. Linda Cernik, Administrator again has reviewed the EPP, Environmentally Preferable Product Procurement and Sustainable Purchasing. This replaces the BUY Recycled policy that was due yearly from Each town to qualify for SMRP, Recycling Dividends Grant Awards. Template and 2 approved sample letters from towns were distributed for a resource. Linda in emails prior to Each Board member of HRMC forwarded the Policy, samples and zoom webinar to view from MassDEP and a Q/A phone number and email from MassDEP. The new policy must be completed once; this isn't a yearly process now. The policy must be shared with staff that purchase. It has been recommended the Towns familiarize themselves with COMBUYS. Linda has asked that the Towns new adopted policy be emailed to her by December 30, 2025.
3. Tipping the scale & PAYT information was distributed for the Towns to review for future years to come.
4. Linda distributed the NEW WMR001 state contract for Household hazardous waste and universal waste, clean harbors the HHW company we are contracted with for October 2025 has increased appx 4% higher than last year.

5. NLR universal Waste materials, batteries, bulbs, ballasts new 2026 pricing. Distributed.
6. Linda certified again for another 2 years as a third-party inspector for transfer station operations and maintenance. Inspections will take place after HHW event, at the end of October. Towns are familiar with the process and should always be ready for an onsite inspection.
7. CMRK will accept small household goods from your swap shop program if they are not wanted by the residents. For those that have other textile vendors inquire about those services as well. This helps promote reuse and doesn't end up placing items in the Demo container. Diversion programs are our goal to reduce our waste tonnage.
8. Jim mentioned again that he would like to see the Town of Chester join HRMC. Linda will reach out to the BOH again and see if we can help.
9. Linda informed the Board that our next meeting will be November 17, 2025, 10am to 11am.

Meeting Adjourned 11:50pm

Respectfully, Linda Cernik