

Draft Minutes November 11, 2025 Board meeting

Attendance

Ashfield Thomas Poissant & Bryan Clark

Chesterfield John Chandler

Huntington Louis Purington

Plainfield Jack Nelson

Westhampton Bill Jablonski

Williamsburg Rusty Loose

Worthington Absent

HRMC 11/17/ 2025

Minutes from 9/15 approved unanimously

Finance report

Outstanding payments due for July from Ashfield for NLR (Universal Waste swap out) Budget balanced otherwise had \$45K in reserve as of July -- Linda will request current balance from MassMunifin, Business that has oversight of our Account, pays warranty, and completes all 1099.

Will be billing out for hazardous waste collection this month

EPP -- app due Dec 30, 2025

Once passed, do not need to file again

Westhampton is the only one that has filed; other towns need to sign and send to Linda

This replaces the Buy Recycled policy that had to be submitted yearly.

Waste Management fuel surcharge (supposed to be charged over a certain amount of fuel used; so unclear why there is a surcharge, as there is no escalation from MA DOT). It is too labor intensive for the staff to go adjust each town individually. They would like to be billed on a 6-month basis, instead of monthly (this is what they do for Franklin County). Propose to do Jan and July (will get bills then). Will not result in increased costs. One concern is that July is the end of the fiscal year, and the town will not pay. I proposed to do May/November or June 30 and Jan 1 instead. Another clarification: Calculation happens biennially, but the billing continues monthly. This seems to be the correct understanding. So not the billing, but the calculation will change to 2x/yr. The billing schedule remains the same. Only the surcharge calculation frequency changes.

Unanimously adopted

Inspections

Everyone is 100% compliance: no corrective actions

Reports will be uploaded by Linda after every town's rep signs. (Linda passed around all the reports to the attendees)

After signing, scan and email to Linda with the signatures by Nov 30 (scan the whole copy, not just signature page)

Also, put a copy in the shed at the TS and give a copy to BoH
Only signature needed is on the last page

HHW (hazardous waste) disposal -- Linda to invoice us (can use RDP money to pay). There was a 4% increase from Clean Harbors.

Shredding event

We received small scale funding grant of \$1K for an annual shredding event (need to bill out before June 30); costs \$500/hr., so do 2 hrs.

Need to decide who the beneficiary of the funding is

Voted unanimous to spend on the shredding event

CMRK process

Will accept torn and tattered but not stained. Torn and tattered garments (NOT stained; will not take) must be packed separately and labeled because they are processed differently

Day pass for transfer station

Some residents like to have a day pass, bulk items drop offs, etc. Would you need to pay the annual permit fee?

We can think about having this and revisit later.

Solid Waste and Recycling Survey Data questionnaire 1/1-12/30 need to include what we spent our RDP grants on for the calendar year.

Contact town Accountant for this

Scan and email to Linda by end of December

LA4 forms -- Linda to reach out directly to the Assessor for this.

Chester decided not to join HRMC

RDP Grant announcements

Each town if responsible for signing their grant and emailing back to MassDEP.

Announcements

First newsletter went out in Chesterfield announcing the bag program as offered by waste zero, and people did not want it, so it was tabled. Pushback not about having to buy the bags, but other issues. The program is to make sure people are paying for the right size bags.

Punch cards may be a better alternative, as the attendant can assess the size of the bags for the correct fees

Linda requested Sustainable purchasing policy several times via email, please have the town adopt this policy.

Respectfully submitted
Linda Cernik

