

HRMC mtg 1/30/26 Minutes, Approved Minutes

In Attendance

Ashfield, Bryan Clark
Chesterfield, Chairman John Chandler
Cummington, James Wettereau
Goshen, Marya Zilberberg
Huntington, Louis Purrington
Middlefield, Absent
Plainfield, Absent
Westhampton, Absent
Williamsburg, Vice Chairman Rusty Luce
Worthington, Charley Rose

-11/17/25 meeting minutes reviewed.

A correction needed of the attendees present.

Otherwise approved unanimously with 1 abstain (was not present for the said meeting).

-Linda's report

HRMC is in good fiscal shape; expenses are on track -- income and expenses are balanced

\$92.50 for 10 laminated posters

MDP compliance is on target

Likely will end the year w small surplus to go into town reserves, goes into the pass through.

End of Feb Linda has a mtg w Mass Munif (accountant) to get the final balance and tax docs

None of the towns owes any money

-Budget based on local census

There is \$3-4K left over from last year -- approved unanimously

Proposed fiscal 2027 budget is level funded

Formula is based on census number and tonnage of trash and recycling

-New Waste Management Sr. Account Executive, public sector (old one has retired)

Cathy Parreira is the new one cell 603-231-8042 cparreira@wm.com -- she is where the buck stops; Linda usually starts with Ken Carbone.

There is a new 5-year contract that was signed in the summer of 2025

Unclear why the costs have gone up by over 150% -- Linda to check on that

-WM contract review

Tandem hauls go up by 1-2%

Republic \$109/ton (good price) to \$115.54/ton for FY '27 (in July)

There is now a \$185 fee if they cannot get to the dumpster due to not being able to get to it (blockage; e.g., snow), overweight, potential hazard (e.g., ice), etc.

Best to let them know not to come if difficulties with snow removal, e.g.

K&W bulky disposal from \$120 to \$126

Springfield MERF processing from \$105.79 to \$108.43 (less the AMV)

-Calendar of events 2026

Laminated copies to hang at the TS; cost was \$137.30 for 10 copies

Larger calendars \$92.50 per poster to hang outside the TS -- all towns voted to approved one per town

PDFs sent to each town and should be posted to the website

-Conflict of Interest training
All Board members need to do.
Every town requires it from their town officials.
Linda is up to date on her training

-Solids Waste and Recycling surveys
Need RDP spending reports (ask the treasurer to put together a report)
Also need to know how many household permits were sold for calendar year 2025
RDP can be used for Open Space projects

-May paper shredding event is on, and Linda has obtained \$1K grant to host it
Will be at the DPW yard on May 16, 2026
Motion to donate proceed to the HCDC adopted unanimously

-Misc
Warning re wind chill -- may need to close the TS for this weekend (up to us)
Next Level Recycling for universal waste under FAC 110 contract rates
Some smoke alarms have radioactive materials; if we collect them, there is a cost to getting disposed of them. Do not throw them in the trash! If a number of them goes in by mistake, we are liable for paying for it (our trash goes through a scanner, so radioactivity can be detected. If collect, keep separate and get a pale from Next Level (\$695 per 25 detectors in a special pale we can get from them; small bucket for \$199 for up to 5 alarms).

Meeting adjourned at 11:05

Next meeting, March 16, 2026, 10am.

Respectfully Submitted
Linda Cernik