

Solid Waste Working Group Agenda

Feb. 6, 3 pm in assembly chambers

Call to order

Approve agenda – changes, additions

Public Comment

Discussion

DATA and CURRENT SITUATION:

- Review solid waste data from 2014 survey and Sally. Discuss volume and define what “solid waste” we’re working to address.
- Review current practices (*already addressed somewhat at previous meetings – a few more details need discussion.*) What laws are on the books now regarding solid waste? What methods for disposal does the community currently employed (according to 2014 survey) and which of these methods are illegal or are we trying to address? What activity by borough residents regarding solid waste are we trying to affect or change? (i.e., illegal dumping, burning, stockpiling, reducing waste, recycling, etc.)
- Decide the mission or purpose of our solid waste plan; are we trying to transition away from a landfill and turn to shipping garbage? To provide universal borough service? To join the SE consortium to ship garbage out? To curb illegal activity? To reduce costs? To help the current landfills remain in service as our sole garbage resource? To reduce waste borough-wide? **What is the outcome we are hoping to achieve with our solid waste plan?**

(if time) DISCUSS POSSIBLE SECTIONS FOR DEVELOPING A SOLID WASTE PLAN:

These are the over-arching topics that came up last meeting. We should discuss which ones take precedence and begin research and tackling them section by section at our meetings.

- What is the mission or purpose of a solid waste plan?

- Borough involvement – How do we address the relationship between private enterprise, nonprofits and the borough in solid waste management? What relationships would we like to see changed or different?
- Recycling and waste reduction: We all agree recycling and waste reduction incentives should be included in a plan – how this is integrated is yet to be determined. Are there other waste reduction ideas we want to see implemented?
- Basic Management – mandatory vs voluntary, self-haul and up the highway services, how to pay for it, how to implement it.
- Contingency – Does the borough have a contingency in place for managing solid waste if the current service is interrupted? If not, this committee can recommend such a plan be developed by the borough in conjunction with our work on a solid waste management plan.

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Committee comments

Adjourn