

WHATCOM COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
April 23, 2015

Members Present:

Barbara Brenner, Pete Edwards, Casey Heinle, Eric Johnston, Amber Jones, Marty Kuljis, Marjorie Leone, Troy Lautenbach, and Mark Peterson

Members Absent:

Greg Young and Ed Nikula

Staff Present:

Jeff Hegedus and Janice Deptuch

Others Present:

John Wolpers – Whatcom County Health Department, EH Manager; Justin Clary & Jacqueline Grinder – Maul Foster & Alongi; and Diane Mace a volunteer with City of Bellingham

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Whatcom County Solid Waste Advisory Committee was called to order on Thursday, April 23rd, 2015 at 5:33 p.m. in Garden Level Meeting Room by Vice Chair, Mark Peterson.

• **Introductions**

Troy Lautenbach, the new committee member of SWAC. Troy took over a transfer station in San Juan Island County. He was also a member of SWAC in 2000 and a member of the State Resource Board.

• **Reading, Correction and Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the, January 22nd, 2015 SWAC meeting were not approved as written. Barbara Brenner had some corrections and clarifications. Janice will amend and send back out to the group.

• **Communications**

None

Agenda Items:

1. Review of Draft Comprehensive Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan

The Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan has changed a bit from 2008, the plan follows the Department of Ecology template. The Hazardous Waste section is still outstanding.

Eric asked where we were at with the process, and Jeff commented for the SWAC committee to review and make comment of the plan. Eric asked about the order of approval; it goes through SWAC, then SWEC, and then CIPA. Mark felt we were 80% to 90 % complete with the plan. Mark asked if there were any comments. Eric said no comments, but felt we needed a more complete document. Justin asked that comments be sent to him so he could update the document.

Troy stated that the SWAC committee is mandated to be in compliance with the Solid Waste Comprehensive Plan. He felt we need a vaguer list of recyclables under section 4.1.3; he felt the current list of recyclables could be considered too restrictive. Mark advised that section 4.1.3, page 42, talks about how to make changes to the recyclables list.

Troy shared his issues in Skagit County with the recyclable list. There was discussion on having an interim for adding to the recycling list. Troy felt that the item they wanted added to the recycling list would have to go to the Health Department first before going to SWAC.

Eric stated that Justin could look into the Whatcom County Code about how to add to the recycling list, and check on limitations. Justin felt it would be an amendment to the Whatcom County code. Justin will also clarify code referring to residential items. Mark said maybe we should ask the Solid Waste collectors what they feel needs to be added to the recycling list. Barbara said maybe we should put language in the Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan about an interim for adding to the recycling list. Jeff stated we will bring answers to the next meeting.

Eric asked if there are recyclables that are not on the list that we want to have picked up at curbside. He also asked if there were any other comments, he thought it looked great and liked the goal and action statement. Mark asked if there is a list of facilities accepting batteries.

Amber said there were some inconsistencies in section 1.2.4, she said the County only collects every other week, not weekly. Amber will work with Justin to make comments on hauling. She asked that Justin send her a word document to be able to track changes. Troy wants it on record that he felt there were issues with flow control, collection and disposal leaving the County.

Marjorie said maybe we should add "Including, but not limited to" to sections 3.1.2 and 4.1.2.

Amber said section 8.3 -#2 doesn't talk about hauling of garbage out of County. She also thinks SHAM recycling needs further defining.

Troy asked if #2A under section 8.3 Goals and Action if it should be limited to just construction sites?

Mark said that SHAM is the only reference on special waste.

Amber said some issues with the frequency of service on page 17 #2.2, the solid waste fee is not mentioned, and when the ordinance was in acted or the date.

Jeff will make changes and incorporate. Jeff appreciated Amber's comments.

Open Session

None

Announcements, Agenda Items

Announcements none

Agenda Items -- Review changes and minutes review.

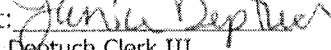
Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Troy 1st and 2nd by Eric

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Whatcom County Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting held April 23 2015.

Attest: 
Janice Deptuch Clerk III
Whatcom County Health Department

 Vice Chair
Ed Nikula, Chair
Whatcom County Solid Waste Advisory Committee

MARK PETERSON, VICE CHAIR