

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: PUBLIC WORKS

DATE: NOVEMBER 24, 2020

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS: CONOVER
HOGAN
LEGGETT
BRAYMER
BRUNO
MAGOWAN
MERLINO
STROUGH
WILD

OTHERS PRESENT:

KEVIN HAJOS, SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
TIM BENWAY, DIRECTOR, PARKS, RECREATION & RAILROAD
FRANK THOMAS, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
RYAN MOORE, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
MARY ELIZABETH KISSANE, COUNTY ATTORNEY
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, BUDGET OFFICER
SUPERVISORS BEATY
FRASIER
SEEBER
SIMPSON
TOSHA BROWNELL, COMPUTER HELP DESK TECHNICIAN
JULIE BUTLER, COUNTY PURCHASING AGENT
TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
MICHAEL DUPEE, REPRESENTING REVOLUTION RAIL
ROBERT HARTE, REPRESENTING REVOLUTION RAIL
WAYNE LAMOTHE, DIRECTOR, PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DON LEHMAN, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
JIM SIPLON, INTERIM PRESIDENT, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the November 24, 2020 meeting of the Public Works Committee; the meeting in its entirety can be viewed on the Warren County website using the following link: <https://warrencountyny.gov/gov/comm/Archive/2020/works/>

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Mr. Conover called the meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 11:41 a.m.

Copies of the DPW; Parks, Recreation & Railroad; and Solid Waste agendas were distributed to those in attendance, those participating remotely accessed the agendas via the Warren County website. Copies of the agendas are on file with the meeting minutes.

Commencing the review of the Parks, Recreation & Railroad agenda, Kevin Hajos, *Superintendent of Public Works*, presented the following requests:

1. To authorize an agreement with the Town of Lake Luzerne for 2020-21 snowmobile trail maintenance and equipment support in an amount not to exceed \$27,000 for the term commencing January 1, 2021 and terminating December 31, 2021.
2. To authorize an agreement with the Thurman Connection for snowmobile trail maintenance and equipment support in an amount not to exceed \$27,000 for the term commencing January 1, 2021 and terminating December 31, 2021.

3. To authorize an agreement with the Hague Sno-Goers for snowmobile trail maintenance and equipment support in an amount not to exceed \$9,000 for the term commencing January 1, 2021 and terminating December 31, 2021.
4. To authorize an agreement with the Northern Warren Trailblazers for snowmobile trail maintenance and equipment support in an amount not to exceed \$27,000 for the term commencing January 1, 2021 and terminating December 31, 2021.

Mr. Hajos advised these requests pertained to the agreements for snowmobile trail maintenance which in previous years had been with the towns, but were now all with the snowmobile clubs, with the exception of the agreement with the Town of Lake Luzerne. Ms. Braymer asked how much money the County was paying to each entity for handling this maintenance and Tim Benway, *Director, Parks, Recreation & Railroad*, responded the County would be paying the Town of Lake Luzerne \$27,000; \$27,000 to the Thurman Connection; \$9,000 to Hague Sno-Goers; and \$27,000 to the Northern Warren Trailblazers, for a total of \$90,000. Ms. Braymer inquired how these amounts were calculated and Mr. Benway responded these contracts were for maintenance purposes and the mileage was handled through a grant program with the State which would be available at the end of this month. Mr. Leggett questioned who received the grant funding from the State and Mr. Hajos replied those funds were provided to the snowmobile clubs. Mr. Benway indicated the funding provided by the County was to offset the costs the grant funding from the State did not cover.

Motion was made by Mr. Leggett, seconded by Ms. Hogan and carried unanimously to approve the requests as outlined above and the necessary resolutions were authorized for the December 18th Board meeting. *Copies of the resolution request forms are on file with the minutes.*

5. To ratify the actions of the Chairman of the Board regarding execution of a grant application and accepting the funds from the Charles R. Wood Foundation for Up Yonda Farms in the amount of \$5,000.

Mr. Hajos stated in September he had been contacted by The Friends of Up Yonda Farm regarding their submission of a grant application on behalf of Up Yonda Farm Environmental Education Center to the Charles R. Wood Foundation following which they were notified their submission would have to be through a government agency. He informed Chairman Thomas had signed the necessary documents in order to meet the timeframe requirements. He apprised the purpose of the grant was to make videos with I-pads to use in the school programs since they could no longer hold these programs at Up Yonda Farm Environmental Education Center. He said the County had been awarded grant funding in the amount of \$5,000 which they had received last week. He added he was also requesting that a thank you letter be sent to the Charles R. Wood Foundation for their generous award of grant funding to the County and Mr. Conover concurred.

Motion was made by Mr. Magowan, seconded by Mr. Strough and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the December 18th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

6. For a transfer of funds in the amount of \$3,600 from Budget Code A.7111 260, *General, Up Yonda Farm, Other Equipment*, to Budget Code A. 7111 413, *General, Up Yonda Farm, Repair & Maint-Bldg/Prop*, to cover the cost of the central air conditioning unit.

Motion was made by Mr. Bruno, seconded by Mr. Leggett and carried unanimously to approve the request and forward same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

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7. To authorize renewal of agreement with Revolution Rail for 2021.

Motion was made by Ms. Hogan and seconded by Mr. Magowan to approve the request.

Mr. Hajos advised the County had entered into a contract with Revolution Rail last year which was considered for renewal on an annual basis and this request pertained to the renewal for next year. Ms. Seeber questioned whether the agreement would be brought before Committee for renewal every year and Mr. Conover replied this was the second year of a five year term contract which would be brought before Committee for approval on an annual basis. Ms. Seeber voiced her appreciation of learning more about Revolution Rail and the fact that they had submitted data concerning their ridership to the County for review.

Mr. Conover called the question and the motion to authorize renewal of agreement with Revolution Rail for 2021 was carried unanimously and the necessary resolution was authorized for the December 18th Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Proceeding to the Information for Discussion/Review portion of the agenda, Mr. Hajos stated Chairman Thomas had received a letter from NYSSA (*New York State Snowmobile Association*) requesting that the County allow snowmobiling to take place on the County Railroad corridor if there was a sufficient amount of snow in the areas where the snowmobile clubs took responsibility for the trail. He added the County already had an agreement with the Thurman Connection, which was the only snowmobile club that had access to get to the tracks and were able to use a portion of the railroad corridor.

Mr. Strough stated he had observed employees of Revolution Rail standing at the road intersections as their patrons passed through to ensure their customers safety, noting the snowmobile clubs did not have monitors in place for when snowmobilers crossed intersections to ensure they were not hit by a vehicle. He questioned whether the County was exposing themselves to a liability issue due to their awareness of a potential public safety issue in the areas where the County Railroad intersected roads and Mr. Hajos replied he was unable to respond regarding the liability; however, he noted, snowmobilers were required to adhere to the rules of the road. He added the snowmobile clubs were required to erect signage in the areas where their trails approached roads. He stated Thurman Connection was required to place signage for crossings in the area of the railroad corridor, as well as protect the bridge decks through the use of railings in order to cross any of the bridges, all of which was prior to them using the property. Mr. Conover requested that Mr. Hajos contact the County Attorney to determine if there were any general liability issues regarding crossing through road intersections and report back to the Committee next month.

A discussion ensued.

Mr. Benway referred to the graph included in the agenda which indicated 64,478 total fish had been stocked to date this year which included brook trout, rainbow trout, salmon and the Heritage Program strain; he added they had also recently received eggs for the 2022 season. He stated stocking had concluded for this year and would commence again in the Spring of 2021.

Ms. Hogan questioned whether the County had a certain species of fish die off this year and Mr. Benway responded this had occurred at the Fish Hatchery located in Rome, New York, but he and his staff contacted a Federal Fish Hatchery in the State of Vermont to obtain a supply from them. Mr. Simpson questioned whether there would be any issues stocking for the fishing derbies next year and Mr. Benway replied all of their fish programs would be fulfilled next year.

Moving along to the review of the DPW agenda, Mr. Hajos presented the following requests:

1. To fill the vacant position of Highway Construction Supervisor #2, *Grade 12, Base Annual Salary*

\$38,818, due to promotion.

Mr. Hajos informed this position was the assistant foreman position in the North Creek garage which was vacant due to promotion.

Motion was made by Ms. Hogan, seconded by Mr. Strough and carried unanimously to approve the request and refer same to the Personnel & Administration Committee for reporting purposes. *A copy of the Notice of Intent to Fill Vacant Position form is on file with the minutes.*

2. To amend the County Budget in the amount of \$3,432.50 to reflect receipt of insurance recovery payment for vehicle repairs.
3. To amend the County Budget in the amount of \$1,612.50 to reflect receipt of insurance recovery payment for guardrail repairs.

Motion was made by Mr. Strough, seconded by Mr. Bruno and carried unanimously to approve the requests as outlined above and refer same to the Finance Committee. *Copies of the resolution request forms are on file with the minutes.*

4. To amend the County Budget in the amount of \$21,776.76 to reflect receipt of grant funding to pay for the purchase of a live edge plow, 3000 gallon tank, and Roadwatch SS kit & extension cables.

Mr. Hajos stated the purpose of this grant was for the towns and the County to purchase snow and ice equipment to reduce salt usage on County Roads in areas surrounding Lake George in an effort to protect the lake. He apprised the County purchased a live edge plow that was used around the Lake George Basin, as well as trackers for the amount of salt they used and one 3,000 gallon brine holding tank, all of which was purchased using funds within the DPW Machine Shop Budget; he added this would reimburse the County for these purchases.

Mr. Conover advised Mr. Hajos's involvement in the Salt Reduction initiative had rapidly moved the program forward and he asked that he keep up the good work.

A discussion ensued.

Motion was made by Mr. Magowan, seconded by Mr. Bruno and carried unanimously to approve the request and refer same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

5. To increase Capital Project No. H381, *South Johnsbury Road (CR 57) over Mill Creek*, in the amount of \$86,462 to increase local match share for estimated construction and construction inspection costs.
6. To increase Capital Project No. H386, *Bay Road (CR 7) over Halfway Brook Bridge Replacement*, in the amount of \$2,000 to increase local match share for estimated right-of-way acquisition costs.
7. To increase Capital Project No. H396, *East River Drive (CR 16) & Call Street (CR 32) Rehabilitation Project*, in the amount of \$133,004 to increase local match share for estimated construction and construction inspection costs.
8. To increase Capital Project No. H390, *County Bridge & Culvert Projects*, in the amount of

\$12,719.59 to reflect transfer of 2020 budgeted allocation for capital project.

Mr. Hajos indicated the aforementioned request pertained to funding that was budgeted to cover the local share of the Capital Projects which they held off moving earlier in the year as a result of the pandemic slowing the process down and not allowing them to advance these projects where they needed to be. He said they now had a better idea of what the construction and right-of-way costs would be and they could move the money that was budgeted last year into each of the individual projects.

A discussion ensued following which a motion was made by Mr. Leggett, seconded by Mr. Strough and carried unanimously to approve the requests as outlined above and refer same to the Finance Committee. *Copies of the resolution request forms are on file with the minutes.*

9. To establish Capital Project No. H404, *Quaker Road (CR 47/ CR70) Pavement Preservation Project*, in the amount of \$540,000 to cover the cost of the preliminary engineering phase of project.
10. To authorize submission of a grant application to the NYS DOT (*New York State Department of Transportation*) for funding in an amount not to exceed \$540,000 for Capital Project No. H404, *Quaker Road (CR 47/ CR70) Pavement Preservation Project*.
11. To authorize a new contract with Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. for consultant services on Capital Project No. H404, *Quaker Road (CR 47/ CR70) Pavement Preservation Project*, in an amount not to exceed \$540,000 for a term commencing upon execution by both parties and terminating upon completion of the project.

Mr. Hajos stated the three aforementioned requests pertained to their newest Federal aid project and was funded by the Transportation Improvement Program which required 80% to be funded by the Federal Government, 15% by the State and the remaining 5% by local matching funds. He informed due to the size of Quaker Road the design phase alone would cost more than \$500,000 resulting in the Federal share being \$432,000, the State Marchiselli portion was funding \$81,000 and the local share equated to \$27,000 and had been budgeted for.

Mr. Conover inquired how much of Quaker Road this Project encompassed and Mr. Hajos replied it was for the entire road.

Mr. Merlino thanked Mr. Hajos and the Town of Hague for the assistance they provided to the Town of Lake Luzerne on the Salt Reduction Initiative. He said the Town of Lake Luzerne would be using brine on their roads this year and purchasing some equipment to reduce the salt usage on its roads.

Motion was made by Mr Bruno, seconded by Mr. Magowan and carried unanimously to approve the requests as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for Item 9 for the Decemberth Board meeting and Items 10 and 11 were referred to the Finance Committee. *Copies of the resolution request forms are on file with the minutes.*

Proceeding to the Information for Discussion/Review portion of the agenda, Mr. Hajos apprised all of the County Road Construction Projects for this year were completed and most of the invoices were being finalized with the contractors now. He said although he believed they would see cost savings on several of these projects this year, the NYS DOT (*New York State Department of Transportation*) had distributed letters indicating the CHIPS (*Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program*), PAVE-NY and Extreme Weather Recovery Programs would only be paying for 80% of the cost of road projects this year. He stated they typically would have received around \$1.65 million in CHIPS funding, another \$375,000 for PAVE-NY and \$278,000 in Extreme Weather Recovery funds, but they would only be receiving 80% of these amounts resulting in some of the savings being used to cover the reduction in

State funding.

In regard to County Bridge Construction Projects, Mr. Hajos advised the Padanarum Bridge was the only one they moved forward with this year and they were able to complete everything this year, with the exception of the contractor forming and pouring the deck, as well as installing the guard rail, all of which would be done next year. He said once this was done the DPW staff would remove the temporary bridge and restore the forest preserve in that area.

Mr. Leggett asked for clarification that the CHIPS funding had been cut to 80%, but the remaining 20% of funding could be restored and Mr. Hajos responded his understanding was that the State would only be paying 80% of the funding out; however, he noted, this did not necessarily mean they would not be paying the full amount, but rather these funds would not be available right away. He apprised the State would only guarantee 80% of these funds would be available immediately. He said the County and Towns should still submit for the full amount, but there was no guarantee they would be paid that. He added there was also discussion regarding the possibility of the State not paying the full amounts next year, as well, but this was still unknown, as the Governor had indicated the State would cover that cost if the Federal Government provided relief funding to the State.

Mr. Conover asked Don Lehman, *Director of Public Affairs*, whether there were any public comments and Mr. Lehman replied in the negative, apprising all of the comments he had received pertained to the Solid Waste Agenda.

Proceeding to the review of the Solid Waste Agenda, Mr. Hajos presented the following requests:

1. To authorize a new contract with Advo Waste Medical Services LLC for solid waste, medical waste & recycling disposal services pursuant to the terms and provisions of the specifications (WC57-20) and proposal for a term commencing January 1, 2021 and terminating December 21, 2021 with the option to extend for up to one additional one year term.
2. To authorize a new contract with County Waste & Recycling Services dba Ace Carting for solid waste, medical waste & recycling disposal services pursuant to the terms and provisions of the specifications (WC57-20) and proposal for a term commencing January 1, 2021 and terminating December 21, 2021 with the option to extend for up to one additional one year term.

A motion was made by Mr. Strough and seconded by Mr. Magowan to approve the requests for new contracts for solid waste, medical waste & recycling disposal services as outlined above.

Ms. Hogan asked whether County Waste & Recycling Services dba Ace Carting had previously been used for these services and if so whether any complaints had been made about them. Mr. Hajos replied the County had used them for these services in prior years during which he was unaware of any complaints being made regarding their service. Ms. Braymer questioned where these contractors would be bringing the County's recyclables, such as plastic and paper and Mr. Hajos replied he was unsure, but he believed they were required to provide that information to the County as part of the contract. He stated this would be elaborated on more during the discussion portion of the Agenda. Mr. Conover inquired whether this information was included in the recycling and transportation contracts for the County and Mr. Hajos replied he was unsure, but he would check with Julie Butler, *County Purchasing Agent*, and report back to the Committee. Ms. Braymer expressed an interest in being provided that information because she would not want the bid awarded to the lowest bidder if they were bringing the recyclables to the incinerator, as they should be brought to a recycling facility.

A discussion ensued during which the consensus of the Committee was for the information regarding where the contractors were bringing the recyclables to be distributed to the full Board prior to the December 18th Board Meeting so an informed decision could be made. Mr. Conover called the question

and the motion to approve the requests for new contracts for solid waste, medical waste & recycling disposal services as outlined above was carried by majority vote, with Ms. Braymer abstaining, and the necessary resolutions were authorized for the December 18th Board Meeting. *Copies of the resolution request forms are on file with the minutes.*

Mr. Conover voiced his pleasure that Mr. Hajos was dealing with solid waste and recycling on a separate Agenda rather than grouping them in with the DPW Agenda and he hoped this would continue on moving forward.

Mr. Strough suggested they approve the minutes of the prior Committee meeting before they proceeded with the Agenda review. Mr. Conover apologized for overlooking this and he called for a motion. The necessary motion was made by Mr. Strough, seconded by Mr. Bruno and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the prior Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Proceeding with the Agenda review, Mr. Hajos provided an update on the Local Solid Waste Management Plan, as well as discussion concerning Local Law Nos. 2 and 3 of 1991. He apprised there had been a significant amount of advocacy for the County to include initiatives in its Plan, such as starting a County composting facility; however, he noted, there were significant costs related to these initiatives. He stated before he brought anything before the Committee he wanted to develop a proposal based on all of those items included in the Plan to outline how these would be accomplished. He said currently the Plan projected all of these initiatives being done over the next ten years, as it was not feasible to carry all of them out immediately. He advised he did not have a sufficient number of staff to be able to follow up on what the trash and recyclable haulers were doing with their loads nor could they do enforcement. He informed a Local Law was adopted in 1991 which required the sort, separation and segregation of recyclables and reusable materials from the solid waste, as well as to require the solid waste to be left for collection or which it was delivered by the generator of such wastes to the solid waste management facility including transportation of the towns shall be separated recyclables, reusables and all other components. He mentioned during the time that Local Law was adopted the County created a MRF (*Multi Re-Use Facility*) to take in all of the recyclables which no longer existed, as they had combined with Washington County on the burn plant. He said this meant there may be some amendments that had to be done in regard to this Local Law, but his point was the Local Law required the County to separate the recyclable and reusable waste stream. He informed according to the Local Law enforcement fell upon the Superintendent of Public Works, as well as each municipality. He said the Local Law indicated each municipality within the County shall be responsible for the operation of a recycling/solid waste transfer station and any municipality may join with one or more municipalities in establishing and operating a joint recycling/solid waste transfer station. He advised this meant in 1991 the County Superintendent of Public Works worked with the towns to provide containers to all of the transfer stations to allow them to separate their recyclables and waste. He stated according to the Local Law the County Superintendent of Public Works was empowered with such powers and duties required to cooperate with and assist each municipality and the County to implement the separation and segregation of recyclables generated or existing in Warren County. He continued, the Superintendent was empowered to establish rules and procedures relating to the segregation and separation of recyclables from non-usable solid waste. He mentioned this was why the County provided each transfer station with separate containers to allow them to separate the recyclables and waste accordingly. He apprised within the Local Law it stated each town, city or village shall be responsible for the adoption, implementation and enforcement of local laws, rules and regulations adopted by such municipality relating to the source separation and segregation of recyclables and reusable material from solid waste.

Mr. Hajos advised the first thing he was working on was determining how many towns had adopted this policy with these rules and regulations, adding those he had spoken to thus far had indicated they were unaware of this Local Law and its requirements. He informed Local Law No. 3 of 1991 which related to collection and disposal of solid waste required a permitting system for collectors or haulers to get

permits through the County in order to pick up any solid waste within the County or transportation of solid waste through the County. He said he had been unable to locate any past records regarding this permitting system, but his understanding of it was that it was a permitting system where each company had to permit or register each one of their trucks within their business that would operate in Warren County which based on this Local Law included passing through the County. He informed he was hoping to bring a proposal before the Committee within the first few months of next year that would generate a revenue stream by starting back up this permitting system, which had not been done in many years, but further research was required on his part before he could do so. He said the City of Troy had recently implemented a similar system where they had over one hundred hauling companies within their City that had gone through the permitting process. He indicated this would be the beginning of generating some revenue for the County which could possibly be used to fund a part-time position to determine where these haulers were bringing their recyclables and/or waste to; he added he was unable to do this now due to insufficient staffing. He stated eventually they could get to the point where the towns charged the haulers a fee on the per tonnage of material that was being generated and/or collected. He said currently the towns were required to generate a report and file it with the NYS DEC pertaining to what was being hauled out of their town landfill, such as how many tin cans or plastics were being hauled out of the Town of Bolton Landfill. He mentioned the issue was they were unaware of what the private haulers were collecting and he did not have staff available to determine this.

Mr. Conover suggested Mr. Hajos provide them with a draft of his proposal for the Committee meeting in January of 2021 for them to review.

Mr. Hajos stated there was another bid for the hauling of the materials from each one of the transfer stations which had not been awarded as of yet, as the disposal and hauling would be awarded at the same time because there was a formula they used to combine the two bids together. He apprised one of the things he proposed within this bid was to require the haulers to provide the County and towns on a quarterly basis with a report on what they were hauling from each one of the town landfills to ensure everyone was aware of what was being hauled away from each one of the town landfills.

A discussion ensued.

Mr. Conover once again asked Mr. Lehman if there were any public comments and Mr. Lehman replied affirmatively. Mr. Lehman apprised Diane Collins first asked what exactly did County Waste do for the County. Mr. Hajos replied he believed Ms. Collins was referring to the contracts they had just discussed which were included as part of the Action Agenda Items. He explained County Waste picked up solid waste and/or recyclables from any one of the County's facilities. Mr. Lehman stated Ms. Collins suggested the County consider obtaining waste slips from County Waste to ensure proper disposal of recyclables. Mr. Conover apprised he believed they had covered this when they decided to have Mr. Hajos look into the specifications of the contract in terms of how the recyclables were disposed of. Mr. Lehman informed there was also a comment which indicated the source separation law was focused on the transfer stations, never oversight of private haulers. He advised there was also a comment which stated their Committee strongly suggests that staff be added to the budget now and start the hauler oversight. He continued, apprising they had indicated staff should be a professional and not a clerk level. He mentioned there was also a question regarding where they could find the final Solid Waste Plan submitted to the DEC. Mr. Conover informed he felt everyone should be aware that not all the waste went to the municipal transfer stations, as there were private haulers who picked up the waste on a commercial and residential level. In regard to the question concerning the location of the final Solid Waste Plan that the County submitted to the DEC, Mr. Hajos advised he would distribute the Plan to the members of the Zero Waste Committee.

Mr. Lehman read aloud an email he had received from Ms. Collins as follows: Committee Chairman Mr. Conover has heard several times our strong recommendations to go forward with a Warren County

professional staff person to oversee a hauler oversight program (identify all of the private haulers, collect data, interpret data, and force separation compliance, etc) in 2021. My question so far were you willing to have Warren County manage the private hauler program for accuracy, consistency, compliance, etc. versus each municipality taking just a piece of it which was the current reporting system for the town transfer stations. Mr. Conover responded he could see certain economies and efficiencies for the County taking responsibility for certain things as opposed to having this done by a dozen separate and distinct entities. He stated he believed the County had already attempted to do this relative to the municipal solid waste operation, but he believed they could do more in time. He advised he felt they needed to get a better focus on the private haulers and their activity which he hoped they would begin to work on at their meeting in January of 2021, including how they would fund an additional position to handle this. He suggested that Mr. Hajos think about what qualifications would be required for this position to bring forward at a future meeting.

Mr. Lehman advised there was another question from Ms. Collins regarding whether the Committee was willing to consider a private hauler/transfer station waste surcharge, such as \$10 per ton on garbage destined for disposal to bring needed revenue to the County for waste management improvements. Mr. Conover replied he could not speak for the entire County on that, but he believed there would have to be a financial plan relative to whatever action they took going forward and as far as he was concerned everything was on the table until it was taken off. Mr. Hajos added there were a number of different initiatives the County could move forward with, but he needed to be able to put a proposal together. He said the Solid Waste Plan included noting the different programs that could be used; however, he noted, they had not worked out the fine details regarding how those programs would work. Mr. Lehman stated there was one final question from Ms. Collins who was inquiring whether there was any interest in meeting with other towns in reference to successful solid waste/hauler oversight programs which the Zero Waste Committee would be pleased to coordinate and Mr. Hajos replied affirmatively.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion made by Mr. Strough, seconded by Ms. Hogan and carried unanimously, Mr. Conover adjourned the meeting at 12:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Allen, Clerk of the Board, as transcribed by Sarah McLenithan, Deputy Clerk of the Board