

1 **Solid Waste Committee Meeting**

2 **Monday, April 14, 2025, 3:30 PM**

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4 **Members Present:**

5 Rich Marcou (*Chair*), LeeAnn Mackey, Kim Scamman, Greg Heath and Beth Blair (*BOS rep*),
6 Stephen Rasche, Roy Plisko, Elle Bezanson, David Bowles (Transfer Station Manager)

7 **Members Absent:**

8 **Others Present:**

9 Russ Maille

10 **Agenda**

11 **Call to Order:**

12 Rich called the meeting to order at 3:30pm.

13 **Accept Previous Minutes:**

14 LeeAnn made a motion to accept the minutes of *March 31, 2025*, Roy second as
15 amended. No further discussion, all voted in favor, Aye. Elle, Stephen, Dave and Roy
16 abstained.

17 **Edits to March 31, 2025, Draft Minutes:**

- 18 • line 33: budget should be \$10,500
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20 • Line 34: Insert the word “again” after “they can come...” so the sentence reads
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22 “Ken Folsom and Rich discussed having a restriction for the first 2 hours and if people
23 have more, they can come again at 12:00 (the last 2 hours be open).”
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25 • Line 45: The word “if” should be corrected to “of” so the sentence reads “We are
26 purchasing 250 units, with one unit being a 5-gallon pail of liquid or 20 pounds of dry
27 compound.

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- Line 69-70 Committee agreed to change word to “goals”
- Line 67-70 more detail on LeeAnn’s elaboration, LeeAnn and Roy have been researching costs and compiling data about cost incurred by Gilford building a new transfer Station.
- Line 87: insert the word “rep” or “representative” after the word BOS so that the sentence reads “Rich explained that the previous BOS rep (or representative) deemed it unnecessary.

New Business:

Rich attended the last BOS meeting, where there was a discussion about committee composition and Dave's absence, indicating that he should attend the solid waste committee meetings. Rich also learned about the committee having a mission statement.

The committee was reformed on April 25, 2022, by Kent Ruesswick. There were no previous minutes prior to April 25, 2022. On June 23, Jack Travis was elected chair but became non-participatory immediately. The committee functioned without a chair until March 2023, when Kent approached Rich to become chair.

The 2016 Mission Statement was reviewed and discussed by the committee, with a new third paragraph. Greg added that volunteers are appointed by selectmen. The last paragraph requires explanation, which LeeAnn agreed with. Kim commented on solid waste handling and disposal in the first paragraph, suggesting the insertion of "handling" in the fourth line. Kim issues with solid waste handling and disposal and she questioned if the mission was solely environmental or also economic. Stephen clarified that the recommendations imply economic considerations. The committee discussed the mission statement, noting most issues are both economic and environmental, and location is another factor.

55 Edits in red made as follows:

56 **Canterbury Solid Waste Committee Mission Statement**

57 The mission of the Solid Waste Committee shall be to advise the Board of Selectmen
58 on all aspects of municipal waste affecting the Town of Canterbury and to monitor
59 and make recommendations regarding the Town’s activities relating to **economic and**
60 environmental issues associated with solid waste **handling and** disposal which affect
61 or impact the residents of the Town of Canterbury.

62 The Committee shall also investigate methods of recycling, waste stream reduction,
63 household hazardous waste collection and consider **new** technologies **and facilities** for
64 handling municipal solid waste.

65 The Committee shall be comprised of representatives from the Board of Selectmen,
66 Transfer Station, and **appointed volunteers** from the Town of Canterbury who have an
67 interest in preserving the environmental quality of life in the Town.

68 ~~The Committee shall strive to take an integrated approach to addressing waste~~
69 ~~management through educational opportunities while balancing the concerns of the~~
70 ~~citizens of Canterbury.~~

71 *The Committee will vote next meeting on approving the updated Mission Statement*

72 **Transfer Station Study:**

73 Aries will conduct a walk-through at the Transfer Station on April 23, 2025, at 9:00 AM.

74 Rich and Kim will attend; all members are welcome.

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76 **RTK (Right to Know) Training:**

77 Thursday, April 17th, 6:00 PM, Town Hall. All members are strongly encouraged to
78 attend as Kal McKay will be providing comprehensive training. The committee is subject to the
79 right to know rules. There is pre-reading homework to be completed before the training, which
80 has been sent out via email attachment.

81 *Please RSVP to Kal McKay @ administrativeassistant@canterburynh.gov*

82 **Hazardous Waste Day: Saturday, May 24th 10:00AM -2:00 PM**

83 The vendor suggested moving the event to June 7th, as holiday events typically have low
84 attendance. However, considering the significant time elapsed since the last event (8 years), Ken
85 and Rich concurred that there will likely be a strong turnout.

86 As of July 1, 2025, it will be illegal to dispose of rechargeable batteries in regular waste.
87 Hazardous Waste Day serves as an opportunity to inform the public about this regulation.
88 Damaged rechargeable batteries will be accepted during the hazardous waste collection only.

89 The Committee has decided not to include excessive information on the flyer since it may
90 deter people from reading it. Attendees will be informed that certain items can be disposed of at
91 the dump, but hazardous waste is excluded.

92 Brief section detailing acceptable items at the transfer station:

- 93 • **Antifreeze:** Accepted at the transfer station.
- 94 • **Gasoline:** Should be removed from the list as it can be taken to hazardous waste facilities
95 but not the transfer station.
- 96 • **Lithium batteries:** Accepted at the transfer station; **do not** bring them to hazardous
97 waste day.

98 Additionally, smoke detectors should not be brought to hazardous waste day since they
99 are accepted at the transfer station. Note that **no brush** will be accepted at the transfer station
100 that day. This information should also be included in the newsletter.

101 **Edits to Flyer:**

102 **Boxed Section:** Reduce the tips from four lines to three. Include: keep the product in its original
103 container and do not mix toxic products. Keep the red line.

104 **Other Rules:** Add to the website. Rich will make copies and distribute them to prevent cluttering
105 with excessive information.

106 **Greg's Note:** Residents can bring more items in the afternoon if needed but need clarification on
107 whether additional items can be accepted, and how the process will be stopped. *Discuss the*
108 *amount people can bring and the structure at the next meeting.*

109 **Additions:**

- 110 • Include instructions for bringing oil-based paints.
- 111 • Add that the brush pile will be closed that day; do not bring brush.
- 112 • Dave is going to make a sign for the transfer station.
- 113 • The committee agreed to allow Rich to okay the flyer to get the advertisement out as soon
114 as possible.

115 **Phase Three Power**

116 Russ investigated the cost of three-phase power. After consulting with two people, they
117 estimated it would cost between \$350K-\$550K to bring three-phase power over a distance of
118 approximately ¾ mile to the transfer station. The field technician stated that the cost is roughly
119 \$600K per mile.

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121 **Fee Schedule**

122 The committee has been working on it and will continue to work on and prioritize
123 updating the Fee Schedule.

124 **Other Business:**

125 **Action Items:**

126 **Michelle: Provide updated Mission Statement for the next meeting**

127 **Adjournment:**

128 LeeAnn motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:38 PM, and Greg seconded the motion. All voted
129 in favor.

130 ***Next Meeting April 28th, 2025, 3:30 PM in the Meeting House.***

131 Respectfully submitted,

132 Michelle Hammond

133 Secretary for the Solid Waste Committee