

1 **Solid Waste Committee Meeting**

2 **Monday, May 12, 2025, 3:30 PM**

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4 **Members Present:**

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

8 **Members Absent:** Kim Scamman

9 **Others Present:** Russ Maille

10 **Agenda**

11 **Call to Order:**

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

13 **Accept Previous Minutes:**

14 Steve made a motion to accept the minutes of *April 14, 2025, LeeAnn* second as
15 amended. No further discussion, all voted in favor, Aye.

16 **Edits to April 14, 2025, Draft Minutes:**

- 17 • Line 50 insert the word “has” so that the line reads “Kim has issues with solid
18 waste handling and disposal...”
- 19 • Line 86 add rechargeable lithium-ion batteries
- 20 • Line 98 include carbon monoxide detectors in addition to smoke detectors

21 **New Business:**

22 Summary verses detailed minutes: leaning towards summary for the interest of time. Will be a
23 future agenda item.

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25 **Mission Statement:**

- 26 • Education components were removed as agreed upon at the last meeting.
- 27 • Ken Folsom, Town Administrator, gave a brief history of the solid waste committee
- 28 including the committee charge that the selectmen created for the restructuring of the
- 29 recycling committee to the solid waste committee. The SWC was started in 2000 as the
- 30 recycling committee and then in 2016 the BOS changed it to the Solid Waste Committee.
- 31 He suggested looking back at the history, surveys and proposals before changing the
- 32 mission statement which is located at the town office. The current committee, which
- 33 began to meet in April 2022, was previously told there was nothing available regarding
- 34 old minutes or files. The committee decided to table the mission statement at this time
- 35 until a file review, which Ken has, could be done.

36 **Aries Study:**

- 37 • Greg wanted the committee to be on record saying that the committee does not think
- 38 things cannot progress at the current location, but that the committee is going to look at
- 39 and see what Aries comes up with and discuss.
- 40 • Aries did a walk through on 4/23/2025, Roy, Kim, Rich, Beth, David, Ken and George
- 41 Holt from Aries were in attendance. Rich recently received an email from George, and
- 42 they are still in the process of fact finding but the study is going to delve into cost
- 43 comparisons, very comprehensive and coming out soon.

44 **Right to Know Training:**

- 45 • Rich was pleased with the turnout of the Solid Waste Committee and thanked the
- 46 members for attending.

47 **Canterbury Treasure House Rules:**

- 48 • The committee formulated the rules, and they are posted inside the treasure house. No
- 49 new changes have been made since May 2023. They have not been posted to the town's
- 50 new website yet. The BOS rep at the time approved them. It is not known why the full
- 51 BOS was not aware of that action.

- Madeline Lowe is doing a fantastic job recruiting volunteers. Discussion regarding why corded electronics is not allowed. BOS affirmed at their meeting that corded electronics are not allowed at the treasure house. It was communicated to Steve that if the volunteers want to change the rule, he needs to submit in writing the rule changes so that the committee can discuss. The committee was not sure if the treasure house falls under the responsibility of the SWC. Beth will clarify who is in charge of making and enforcing the Treasure House rules.

Hazardous Waste Day

- Media notices at the transfer station, Flyers and posters hung, bulletin, event on FB, weekly email, Canterbury monthly newsletter.
- Cones and Barricades will be dropped off to delineate an area.
- Rich asked the committee about asking the citizens how much latex paint do you have at home. The Committee agreed to ask people at this event how much paint they have as an informal survey. “If we were to take latex paint today, how much paint would you bring?”
- Still working on handouts for HWD, a requirement for the grant requirement.

Co-Chair:

- Beth inquired, in case Rich is not available, is there a co-chair? Short discussion, answer was no.

Research on the Landfill/Transfer Station:

- Roy Plisko presented research to the committee as a 38-page bound report regarding the water at the uncapped landfill and whether you can build on it or not. Roy stated that there is no PFSAS standard for surface water, they do for ground water, if they do PFAS testing to surface water then we may be found in violation. Aries has since 2005 tested the groundwater; but they do not do risk assessment. Merrimack and Portsmouth, Dover and Bethlehem have all had PFSA contamination issues. He shared the timeline of testing level standards which have been testing high since 2010 in all test wells, except test well 4, PFAS, Lead and Manganese.

- Ken Folsom reported from the State and Aries have stated that the building “caps” the landfill that is under the building. The State and Aries are the regulatory agency and experts and have stated in the past that they do not think that tearing the building down is necessary to do more work because the building itself caps the landfill. The cap would start at the edge of the building if they were to cap it. Roy responded that is good to know. LeeAnn responded that we do not know that though because there are two different caps. Ken responded that the building stops the rain from migrating, both the State and the Regulatory Agency told the town. Another issue is that the state has not funded that capping funds for over ten years, and DES as well as Aries, does not expect future funding at this point. Roy found that the new budget does have some funding. Ken stressed the unknown of the budgets at this time. DES has been clear that they will set a timeline if the landfill does have to be capped in the future. Beth responded that we do have a Capital Reserve Fund of \$153,000 which Aries said that fund amount might pay for the engineering but not the actual work.
- Beth reminded the committee that this is a public meeting, and this will be in the minutes and the documents that Roy handed out would be available to everyone. Roy stated that he worked hard to not create panic, keep it factual and to keep it a neutral tone. LeeAnn responded that she is very concerned over the years how much negative testing and how much and it goes up over the years, there is correspondence about DES being concerned but not pulling the trigger yet. She asked where the numbers or lines where DES will pull the trigger as an acceptable limit and if we are over by how much would DES take action. The question she has to DES is what constitutes an acceptable limit for DES. If 500 is unacceptable what is and Roy has researched this and the best information he could find that could answer this would be contact with other humans or getting into the wells, we are at similar levels of other towns but we are not in a well, we are in a wetland and what wetland regulations might kick in.
- More discussion followed regarding the limits that are acceptable.

Other Business:

- Agenda points: please contact Rich to get any agenda item request via email.
- Recycling: do not put aluminum cans (tin foil, sardine cans, cat food cans) in with steel cans. (Not magnetic) Dave is going to magnetize the table to help with easier sorting.

- 110 • Pull tabs requested to be recycled as they are collected by Easter Seals, Shriners, ETC
111 • Beth reminded that she will take information for the newsletter.

112 **Action Items:**

- 113 • Rich will contact Ken to review the SWC file in the Town office.
114 • Beth will inquire with BOS as to oversight of Treasure House.

115 **Adjournment:**

116 Greg motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:01PM, and LeeAnn seconded the motion. All voted in
117 favor.

118 *Next Meeting, May 26, 2025, 3:30 PM in the Meeting House.*

119 *June 9, 2025, meeting will be canceled.*

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121 Respectfully submitted,
122 Michelle Hammond
123 Secretary for the Solid Waste Committee