

**Greater Bridgeport Regional Solid Waste Interlocal Committee Meeting**  
**Thursday December 15, 2016**  
**9:00 am**  
**Old Town Hall Conference Room-2<sup>nd</sup> floor**  
**611 Old Post Road**  
**Fairfield, CT 06824**

**DRAFT MINUTES**

Members Present: First Selectman Mike Tetreau, First Selectman Adam Dunsby, First Selectman Jim Marpe, First Selectman Tim Herbst

Others Present: Bruce Loomis (Proxy for Bethany First Selectman Derrylyn Gorski), William Phillips (Proxy for Monroe First Selectman Steve Vavrek), Chris Saley (Proxy for Milford Mayor Ben Blake), Tony Genovese (Proxy for Woodbridge First Selectman Ellen Scalettar), John Marsilio, Scott Sullivan, Steve Edwards, Mike Zembruski, Ed Nagy, Ed Boman

Members Absent: Bridgeport Mayor Joe Ganim and Stratford Mayor John Harkins

I. Call to Order

Chairman Mike Tetreau called the meeting to order at 9:09 am.

II. To Consider and Act Upon the Minutes of June 16, 2016

Upon First Selectman Tim Herbst's arrival at 9:14 am resulting in a quorum, First Selectman Adam Dunsby made a motion to approve the minutes. First Selectman Jim Marpe seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

III. To Hear, Consider and Act Upon 2017 Election of Officers

First Selectman Marpe made a motion for First Selectman Tetreau to serve as Chairman. First Selectman Herbst seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

First Selectman Herbst made a motion for First Selectman Marpe to serve as Vice-Chair. First Selectman Dunsby seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

First Selectman Marpe made a motion for First Selectman Herbst to serve as Treasurer. First Selectman Dunsby seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

First Selectman Dunsby made a motion for First Selectman Ben Blake to serve as Secretary. First Selectman Herbst seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

IV. To Hear, Consider and Act Upon 2017 Meeting Dates

First Selectman Marpe suggested holding the December meeting earlier that month such as the first week of December. Chris Saley said the budget is the most important driver dictating when members should meet. He said timing is not good because of the third quarter CPI. Mr. Saley suggested the Treasurer issue a memo to this Committee so members know what to put into their budgets.

First Selectman Tetreau asked the Treasurer to submit estimates of the CPI and impact prior to the June meeting. He added that if anything goes wrong the Committee can recover by making adjustments at the June meeting.

Tony Genovese made a motion for the Committee to meet on June 15, 2017 and December 7, 2017. First Selectman Herbst seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

#### V. Receive Update on Status of Operations for FY 2016

Ed Boman said Wheelabrator gave no written report to the Committee. He said Wheelabrator is processing more solid waste per year than it did 30 years ago, and making more electricity too. Mr. Boman said he believes things with Wheelabrator are running smoothly mostly because there's no CRRA. He suggested the Committee's officers send a letter to Wheelabrator asking for quarterly reports. Steve Edwards would like a representative from Wheelabrator to attend the Committee's meeting in June. Chris Saley would like to have a local contact for operating issues. Ed Boman and John Marsilio will contact Wheelabrator to convey that message.

#### VI. To Hear Financial Update for FY 2016

First Selectman Herbst reviewed a handout created by his finance office that shows revenues and expenses for the period ending November 30, 2016. First Selectman Herbst summarized the total revenue and total expenses amounts and the net income. He gave an overview on the receipts and disbursements and a statement of account from People's Bank. First Selectman Tetreau asked if this is the type of documentation the Committee can expect to see going forward. First Selectman Herbst replied yes. Chris Saley asked why the interest rate is so low. First Selectman Herbst said he will look into that. First Selectman Tetreau asked that the Treasurer look at different kinds of accounts to maximize the interest earned. First Selectman Dunsby asked if the Committee has a balance it's trying to maintain.

Mr. Boman said a bill was presented to the General Assembly the last day of the legislature allowing the sale of electricity from the State's waste to energy plants to state agencies and municipalities. He believes it failed because the sale of electricity produced was amended to include sales from private owned facilities. He thinks DEEP has sponsored this bill. First Selectman Herbst said it could be beneficial to get copies of the legislation and committee members speak to their respective state delegations. Mr. Boman also feels that CCM should support this bill.

First Selectman Tetreau suggested the Committee have a subcommittee on legislation to find out who had sponsored the bill and to get the state delegations involved. First Selectman Dunsby said he would look into this. John Marsilio and Ed Boman volunteered to be on the subcommittee. First Selectman Tetreau said he, First Selectman Dunsby and First Selectman Herbst will serve on the subcommittee.

#### VII. To Hear, Consider and Act Upon Budget for FY 17

First Selectman Tetreau asked if there is a proposal for FY 2017. First Selectman Herbst said no. Steve Edwards said there is a balance of \$125,000. By June 30, 2017 another \$30,000 will be added to the Committee's account.

First Selectman Tetreau said the budget for 2017-2018 should be approved at or by the Committee's meeting in June. First Selectman Tetreau said the Committee should act on the budget for FY 2018 at its June meeting. He said a special proposal for funds to support new legislation permitting the sale of electricity by the waste to energy plants in Connecticut to the state and municipalities will be discussed at the June meeting. The Committee can make a decision on supporting such legislation or not at a special meeting before June, if necessary.

#### VIII. Receive Progress Report on the Admission of Other Municipalities

Mr. Boman said the group has been searching for interest from other municipalities to join this Committee. He said Greenwich was interested and so were a few other municipalities. The chief executives need to talk with those in Greenwich and other Towns. First Selectman Tetreau suggested the Committee officers, Mr. Boman and Mr. Marsilio get together so there is a more formal discussion at the June meeting.

#### IX. New Business-None

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Mr. Marsilio suggested meeting the first week of February during the February session to find out what's going on in Hartford. Mr. Boman suggested finding out from DPW counterparts what they are paying. First Selectman Tetreau would like to get this information before the Committee's special meeting in February. He also wants to set up a recruiting subcommittee at some point.

#### XI. Adjourn

First Selectman Herbst made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:47 am. First Selectman Marpe seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer S. Carpenter  
Recording Secretary