

PAYT Implementation Group

October 29, 2021

8:30 A.M.

DRAFT Meeting Notes

Attendees: Laurie Bent, Ann Wiedie, Leon Gaumond, Jackie Jackson, David Ayer

Tom Cullen (Absent)

Resident Comments – Barbara F. commented that she was worried more residents were using a private hauler, thus increasing traffic on town roads.

Bags – The lack of availability of bags looks to have been resolved after monitoring bags for sale at Brothers.

A discussion regarding the number of bags provided to the low-income families was had by the group. A modification might be needed as to how many bags are provided as it relates to the number of family members. It was noted that everyone, including low income families, are encouraged to recycle more and send less solid waste to the incinerator.

Transfer Station- The transfer station reported that approximately 90% of bags thrown into the compactor were PAYT bags. Residents who were not using PAYT bags were asked to start to use them

The compost program continues to grow, a 5th and 6th barrel has been requested to keep up with demand.

Data Collection- We discussed how best to collect data to see if the program is successful in reducing the amount of solid waste per household served. Stickers were mailed to previous sticker holders, so this would not capture any resident that went to a private hauler. Note that 149 new resident stickers were requested. Leon will reach out to the health department to see if they collect or can collect the number of households served by private haulers in 2020 and currently.

Future Meetings- Plan for another meeting in January 2022 to review Oct-December data. Also discuss potential public meeting for feedback from residents.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.