

Solid Waste and Recycling Committee

Members: The Committee is comprised of eight (8) members. The members shall be individuals with specific interest and/or expertise in the cost effective, efficient and environmentally safe collection, disposal and recycling of solid waste. To the extent possible, members will possess professional experience in the fields of environmental science, engineering, finance, law and public works management. It is expected that the DPW Director is an essential resource to the Committee and will participate in Committee meetings and activities.

Length of Term: 3 Year

Charge Approved: June 21, 2021

Purpose: The Solid Waste and Recycling Committee is established by the Select Board as a Committee to assist the Town in procuring a new collection contract and to consider possible enhancements in recycling efforts. It is a temporary body.

Objectives:

It shall be the responsibility of the Committee to work with the DPW Director in developing a program for solid waste and recycling collection services through 2023. In connection with this responsibility, it is expected that the Committee shall complete the following tasks;

1. Become thoroughly familiar with the regional market for solid waste collection and recyclable products.
2. Comprehend state regulation of solid waste and operational issues in Belmont as it relates to the collection of solid waste and recyclables.
3. Serve as a conduit to elicit and receive public input.
4. Assist the DPW Director in drafting a competitive Request for Proposals to procure collection services and/or to market recyclable products.
5. Assist the DPW Director in the evaluation of proposals and the negotiation of a final fee arrangement with the successful proposer for Select Board approval.
6. Assist the DPW Director in public education efforts on the Town's system of solid waste collection and recycling.
7. Identify issues for solid waste collection and disposal services for the period beyond 2023 (post NESWC contract)