

Town of Onalaska  
Refuse and Recycling Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, March 28, 2017

The Refuse/Recycling committee meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at the Town of Onalaska Town Hall, N5589 Commerce Road, Onalaska, WI. Members present were James Burch, Frank Fogel, Stan Hauser, Sara Kessler, Josh Storandt, Steve Wage. Jerry Bonsak and Harry Helfrich were absent.

Motion to approve the agenda by Hauser; seconded by Burch. Motion passed unanimously.

**Approve the minutes of the January 5, 2017, January 16, 2017, February 28, 2017 minutes.** Motion by Kessler and seconded by Storandt to approve the February 28, 2017 minutes with the spelling correction of member Jim Burch's name. Motion passed unanimously. Motion by Hauser and seconded by Fogel to approve the January 5 & 16 minutes. Motion passed.

**Feedback from the board.** Fogel reported that the board approved the Green Earth contract as well as all other motions put forth by the committee from the February 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Discussion on grass and leaf drop off site management.** Motion by Fogel to open the floor, seconded by Storandt. Motion passed unanimously. Town Shop Crew Foreman Karl Holtz requested that the committee set a traffic pattern for residents dropping off materials Motion by Storandt, seconded by Hauser to rescind committee motion from 2/28/17 meeting directing residents to use drive up ramp and dump leaf and grass into truck. Motion passed unanimously. Motion by Storandt and seconded by Hauser to open gates on Hwy. XX and direct resident traffic to drop off grass and leaves in designated areas, and directing Town crew staff to remove the piles at least weekly and/or as needed. Motion passed unanimously.

**Discussion on staffing yard waste disposal site including but not limited to volunteers.** Motion by Hauser to open the floor; seconded by Wage. Motion passed unanimously. Town crew Foreman Karl Holtz reports that the crew staff is available to work a half day on Saturday mornings if needed and will exchange a half day in the same pay period as time off. Motion to close the floor by Hauser, seconded by Storandt. Motion passed unanimously. Motion by Hauser, seconded by Kessler to recommend the yard waste drop off site hours be adjusted to: Tuesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Thursdays from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and staffed by volunteers and/or Town crew as needed. Motion passed unanimously.

**Discussion on brush drop off at yard waste site.** Motion by Storandt, seconded by Hauser to accept brush at the yard waste site using the same size limitations as curbside collection: no larger than 6" diameter pieces, up to 10' length during the same dates/times as lawn and leaf drop off. Motion passed unanimously. Motion by Fogel and seconded by Burch to open the floor. Motion passed unanimously. Town Foreman Karl Holtz asked the committee to give direction for a semi-truck scheduled to be parked during brush pile removal and mostly likely blocking the grass and leaf drop off piles on April 4<sup>th</sup>. Committee directed him to manage the

situation as needed to best remove brush and still allow resident drop off if a safe area can be determined. Motion to close the floor by Hauser, seconded by Burch. Motion passed unanimously.

**Discussion on grass and leaf drop off site staff schedule coordination.** Motion by Hauser, seconded by Storandt to allow Town Crew Foreman, Town Clerk Rinehart and Burch to coordinate staffing schedules, and to provide some type of identifying apparel (vest, shirt, hat) to identify any volunteers staffing the site. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by Storandt; seconded by Hauser. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Sara Kessler.