

June 15, 2023

The Stonington Resources Recovery Authority held a special meeting on this date at the Stonington Town Hall at 4:15 p.m. Present were First Selectman Danielle Chesebrough and Selectwoman Debbie Motycka Downie. Selectwoman June Strunk arrived at 4:30 p.m. Members of the public were present. There was no press present.

(1) Call to Order

Ms. Chesebrough called the meeting to order at 4:23 p.m.

(2) Comments from the Public

None

(3) Approval of the Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to approve the August 30, 2022 special meeting minutes.

(4) New Business

FY 23/24 proposed increase in yellow bag fees

Ms. Jill Senior, Director of Solid Waste, gave a brief overview of the proposed increase noting the department tries to maintain 70% of expenses covered by revenue. The department has had a significant increase in its expenses including the residential hauler contract, bags and Transfer Station operational costs. An increase of \$1.50 per sleeve for large bags and \$1.75 for small bags was proposed. Ms. Senior noted the bag cost to the residents has not increased since FY19/20. She also provided additional information on the other services offered at no cost to residents which includes the food waste collection, textile recycling and plastic film recycling.

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to approve the fee increase of \$1.50 per sleeve for large bags and \$1.75 per sleeve for small bags effective July 1, 2023.

(5) Comments from the Authority

Ms. Strunk thanked Ms. Senior for ensuring Stonington continues to be a leader in the State with the pay as you throw program, food waste collection and many different recycling options.

(6) Adjourn

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Stacey Haskell
Recording Secretary

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