



TOWN OF OLD LYME

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WASTE & RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Minutes – Regular Meeting

January 12, 2025. 6:00PM

Mezzanine Conference Room

1. Call to Order: 6:05 PM
2. Attendance: *Raechel Peterson, Fred Behringer, Leslie O'Connor, Roger Bigger*
3. Minutes of December 15, 2026, approved.
4. Information items, Communications & Correspondences: Committee members have been contacted by RiverCOG to meet at East Hampton for a regional waste meeting.
5. Public Comment: None
6. Old Business:
 - a. Update on Survey
 - i. Raechel updated the committee on the success of the survey's Facebook post. Participants were at 286 by 10:00 AM on the 12th. The official closing date will be the 30th of January. The committee pushed to speak to LYSB, Rotary Club, LYSB, Lions Club and reach out to schools to distribute flyers. Raechel will email flyer and link for group to distribute. Group will share flyers amongst their groups.
 - ii. Roger and Raechel presented a current crosstabulation analysis of the survey to the committee.
The committee is interested in having a possible outreach audience to seasonal cottage residents.
 - b. Waste Stream layout map- questions for Berlin
 - i. The committee's continued follow up questions from the Berlin visit include where our waste goes once processed by the facility, what does our waste recycle into and who are the vendors.
Committee pushes Raechel to follow up with the recycling facility to see where our waste goes.
The committee also looks forward to educating the public that black plastic is recyclable.
 - c. Tonnage Statistics Update

- i. Raechel presented a YTD tonnage comparison, and the committee notes slight decrease in tonnage over the years. Raechel also presents the idea of waste diversion and how the Town should reach to increase diversion of waste. The committee pushes to learn more about transfer station's vendors for waste diversion and to reach into CWPM to understand how recycling contamination gets determined.

7. New Business:

Raechel and Fred will attend the regional RiverCOG meeting.

The committee will push to look at composting in beach communities as a possible grant.

8. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Raechel Peterson

B/C/C Clerk -