

# PAYT Committee Meeting Minutes

August 4, 2020

Present were:

Laurie Bent, Chair  
David Ayer  
Tom Darling  
Elizabeth DiPietro  
Philip Saunders

Also in attendance were:

Leon Gaumond  
Julia Greene  
Jacquelyn Jackson

The meeting was called to order at approximately 4:05 p.m.

The minutes of the July 28 meeting were approved unanimously.

Philip Saunders was selected as scribe.

The Chair reported on the presentation of the Committee's solid waste proposal to the Select Board. She reported that the Board was favorably disposed but deferred voting on the proposal until the fall. The Jan. 1 proposed implementation date was acceptable to the Board.

The Chair and Mr. Gaumond reported on a conversation with a Mr. Golden in Maine who runs a business related to transfer station operation. Mr. Golden was agreeable to the PAYT Committee's efforts to reduce the waste stream.

David Ayer reported on a Swedish study, previously distributed. He also reported on a proposal for a weigh as you throw system which he had received and distributed earlier. The general reaction, including Mr. Ayer's, was that the system was more expensive than hoped for.

Tom Darling pointed out that the committee, in designing any system, should not lose sight of the importance in making the system as user-friendly as possible and of having the system so appear. Elizabeth DiPietro expressed reservations about having a weigh as you throw system with scales and card readers in this time of COVID-19 pandemic.

The Chair emphasized that the Committee is in the information gathering stage and not trying to make decisions yet.

Julia Greene made a presentation, attached, on what some other municipalities are doing with PAYT, including some detail on the on the revenue sources of the various towns for dealing with solid waste. She also provided a PAYT overview, attached.

Ms. Greene was asked to prepare for the next meeting revenue and cost scenarios for various options, e.g., weigh as you throw, pay as you throw, as well as various funding scenarios: tax base, transfer station fees, PAYT bag revenue and combinations of those funding sources.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:16 p.m. by the weather.

Respectfully submitted,  
Philip Saunders