

SWAC Summary

January 13, 2011

Present: Janet O'Connor, Vicki Rice, Scott Wilson, Rik Fredrickson, Sunny Richwald, Steve Corey, Thai Batchelor, Jason Dose, Sheena Kaas, David Baker

Minutes from December 2010 approved

Updates: A stolen vehicle was pursued on Eells Hill road and was abandoned. Two men fled on foot, resulting in a chase near and on the Transfer Station property. As of the meeting, there had not been an arrest. Frozen pipes at the Transfer Station, resulting in a lack of water, have been repaired. The State Commingle Recycling issued a report which was distributed to the Committee, and the next meeting for that group will be next week. Further updates will be discussed by SWAC. The Delaware statewide mandatory curbside program, which was reported on last year, has been resolved in court and will proceed as planned. City of Shelton newsletters were well read in December, and the next edition will be shared with SWAC. Wilson Recycling will be accepting Styrofoam at no charge this year. They will also be accepting film plastic for recycling.

Business Agenda:

The Solid Waste Management Plan amendment and Hazardous Waste Plan are in the final stages of the Public Review process. In February, the formal Public meeting before the Board of County Commissioners will hear any testimony. Any need changes recommended by the public or the Department of Ecology will be incorporated or addressed, followed by the Adoption by the Board.

The letter of recommendation from the Committee last year has provided no response thus far. It is hoped that with a new Commissioner, there will be an increased awareness. With the permission and support from the Board, the customer survey that has been drafted will be made available to solicit input from the public.

Other: A brief presentation about The City Museum in St. Louis, Missouri was shared. The Museum is a repurposed factory which employees mostly recycled and recovered materials. The ten story structure encompasses most of a city block, and includes an impressive, imaginative, and artistic implementation of both recycling and recreational opportunities.

The next meeting will include presentations from Concrete Recyclers in Olympia. Their company crushes all the glass from Mason and other Counties, transforming it into an aggregate and fill type product for a wide range of applications.

Next month will also include a presentation from Green Solutions, the leading expert on Waste Characterization. Information will include data on disposal, trends and strategies about waste in Washington and nationally.

The next meeting will be February 10th at 6 PM in Building One