

SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE - Meeting Minutes for 12/8/25

Present: Juliet Caplinger, Catherine Curtis, Milt Simon, Todd Beaulieu, Kody Copp
Calvin Beaumier = Town Rep

Meeting called to order at 6:32 p.m. inside Eureka Community Center

Meeting Minutes from 11/10/25 were approved

Committee welcomed Talya Bent, Municipal Account Manager for Cassella Waste Management, who provided an update regarding the Town's upcoming change to automated trash pick, and answered questions concerning:

- (1) bin size options and ownership, and addressing trash overflow issues
- (2) private roads criteria and HOA agreements
- (3) tipping fees ... including per ton fixed rate for trash, and variable rate for recycling
- (4) estimated cost for incorporating AI technology
- (5) impact of snow storms and road plowing on bin placement and pickup
- (6) anticipated cost reduction annually, if any
- (7) continuation of the Town's "pay-as-you-throw" policy, replacing current tags with a specified colored bag requirement

Afterward, the Committee alone discussed the virtues of a pay-per-bag town policy.

Committee developed a list of strategical recommendations for the Town Manager's consideration regarding the Town's transition to automated trash pickup.

Kody Copp was welcomed as the Committee's newest member (Alternate).

Next Meeting: Monday, January 12, 2026 at the Eureka Community Center starting at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.