



**WHATCOM COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE (SWAC) MEETING**

Thursday, February 11, 2021 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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**- A G E N D A -**

	<b>Meeting Topics</b>		<b>Outcomes</b>
1.	Call to Order	5:30	Action
2.	Election of New Officers, Roll Call, Determination of Quorum, Approval of Minutes	5:30 - 5:45	Action
3.	Public Comment Period	5:45 - 6:00	Information
4.	2021 Whatcom County Comprehensive Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan Update	6:00 - 6:25	Information
5.	Other Business, Open Session, Announcements	6:25 -6:30	Discussion
6.	Adjournment	6:30	Action



# SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## Discussion Form

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February 11, 2021

**AGENDA ITEM 2: *Election of New Officers, Roll Call, Determination of Quorum, Approval of Minutes***

**PRESENTER:** *Mark Peterson, Chair*

**BOARD ACTION:**             Action Item            Discussion            Information

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### **COMMITTEE ROLE / ACTION REQUESTED**

Review and approve draft meeting minutes.

### **ATTACHMENT(S)**

- Draft October 22, 2020 SWAC Meeting Minutes
- SWAC Membership Update

**WHATCOM COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY (SWAC) COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**October 22, 2020**

**Members Present:**

Eric Johnston, Kevin Moore, Lisa Friend, Carol Frazey, Larry McCarter, Rodd Pemble, Robert Hendricks, Troy Lautenbach, Ted Carlson, Mike Olinger and Mark Peterson.

**Members Absent:**

Greg Young and he was replaced by Kevin Renz

**Staff Present:**

Jeff Hegedus, Janice Deptuch, Darin Klein, and John Wolpers

**Others Present:**

Erik Bakkom, Seth Otto, and Brian Tino all with Maul Foster & Alongi, Diana Wadley - DOE – Ron Kulmar, Brandi Hutton with Sustainable Connections, Pat Dunn – Patrick Dunn & Associates, and there were other people who did not announce who they were.

**Call to Order:**

The regular meeting of the Whatcom County SWAC was called to order on Thursday, October 22, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in a Go to Meeting via the webby chair, Mark Peterson.

**Roll Call, Determination of Quorum, Approval of Minutes**

The minutes for the January 23, 2020, SWAC meeting were approved as written. The motion for approval was made by Carol Frazey and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lisa Friend. Motion approved by everyone.

**Public Comment Period**

Jaco ten Hove was there as MasterComposter/Recycler volunteer

Pat Dunn was there from SSC

B. Hutton with Sustainable Connections

Erik Bakkom, Seth Otto, and Brian Tino with Maul Foster & Alongi

Dianna Wadley with DOE

Kevin Renz with City of Ferndale

**Reading and Disposition of Communications**

Food recovery program when the pandemic hit large organizations from March through September collected 100,000 pounds of food.

**Solid Waste Programs Update**

Over the last seven months our staff has been impacted with reassignment to COVID outbreak response activities. It's been quit the haul. This leaves us with a .5 FTE doing Solid Waste. We have received 62 complaints that have not been reassigned.

The Disposal of Toxics Facility is open and chugging along. Solid Waste permitting is still all happening. The Secure Meds program is going really good, they have collected 2 ½ tons of pills.

Point Roberts –things are going well, and the new solid waste program is passing the test even when the pandemic hit. We will have an update to the council in November. A big

thank you to Sustainable Connections, ReSources and WSU Master Composter/ Recycling program.

Lisa asked for an update on the 62 complaints.

Jeff stated the Satpal increased the budget from \$15,000 to \$50,000 for the voucher program.

### **Current Status of Local Recyclable Materials Collection, Processing and Marketing**

[The State of Recycling in Bellingham](#) presented by Kevin Moore.

The national and regional impacts of the 2018 China Sword recyclable materials importation ban continue to increase and affect recycling operations and efforts at the local level. Kevin Moore from Northwest Recycling will provide current information on impacts and current developments regarding local collection, processing and marketing capacities and issues. Lots of questions asked.

### **2021 Whatcom County Comprehensive Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan**

[Whatcom County Comprehensive Solid and Hazardous Waste Plan Update](#) given by Maul Foster & Alongi.

The comp plan was last worked on in 2015-2016. It needs to be updated every 5 years to meet current conditions. See hyperlink for presentation given. We need to form a sub-committee to go through the plan. The sub-committee will meet bimonthly.

A motion was made by Lisa Friend - recommending the subcommittee be formed if the meetings could be appropriately noticed to the public. She withdrew the motion when discussion turned to limiting subcommittee participation for the specific purpose of avoiding the requirement for public notice.

A motion was made to determine and approve sub-committee. Motion was made 1<sup>st</sup> by Kevin Moore and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rodd Pemble, all in favor with one opposed by Lisa Friend. Motion passed.

These are the people who put their name in for the sub-committee: Kevin Renz, Mark Peterson, Lisa Friend, Mike Olinger, Larry McCarter, and Rodd Pemble.

A motion was made that the number of members on the sub-committee should be 4.

Motion by 1<sup>st</sup> Carol Frazey and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry McCarter, all in favor with one opposed by Lisa Friend. Motion passed.

A motion to bring names to WCHD staff to decide was made 1<sup>st</sup> by Carol Frazey and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry McCarter, all in favor with one opposed by Lisa Friend due to concern that opportunity for additional representation by SWAC members was limited by open meeting considerations. Motion passed.

### **Solid Waste Excise Tax Conversion:**

Q1 and Q2 2020 solid waste excise tax revenue of \$762,050 was up 5.3% from the Q1 and Q2 2019 revenue of \$723,194. The current assessment is that, accounting for normal growth related increases in tonnage, and the need for a full year of data, the estimate of 3.3% is accurate and is meeting the revenue neutral conversion goal.

### **Other Business, Open Session, Announcements, Announcements:**

No other business and no announcements

**Adjournment:**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made. 1st by Troy Lautenbach and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carol Frazey. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

**CERTIFICATION**

*I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Whatcom County Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting held July 31, 2019.*

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Janice Deptuch, Clerk III  
Whatcom County Health Department

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Mark Peterson, Chair  
Whatcom County Solid Waste  
Advisory Committee

**AGENDA ITEM 4: 2021 Whatcom County Comprehensive Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan**

**PRESENTER:** *Brian Tino, Maul Foster Alongi*

**BOARD ACTION:**                      Action Item                      Discussion                       Information

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**COMMITTEE ROLE / ACTION REQUESTED**

**ATTACHMENT(S)**

- Mid Draft System Description
- Whatcom County CSHWMP Update Schedule
- Goals and Actions Update

**AGENDA ITEM 5: Recycling Status Update**

**PRESENTER:** Rodd Pemble, SSC

**BOARD ACTION:**                      Action Item                      Discussion                       Information

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**ATTACHMENT(S)**