

## **RTM Public Works Committee Meeting – September 21, 2015**

The Public Works Committee meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM.

**Members Present:** Mark Adiletta, Frank Adelman, Patti Bumgardner, Brad Patelli, Allison Stolar, James Cameron, David Young, Jenn Hite; Katie Keith, Jeff Marston

**Absent:** Dick Poli, Tom Moore

**Guests:** Kathleen Buch (Town Administrator)

After convening the meeting the PWC members joined the F&B committee for a presentation by Kathleen Buch on Resolution 15-19 Approving A Contract Between The Town of Darien The Darien Public Works Employee's Union.

Kathleen Buch (Town Administrator) presented a summary of the recently ratified Public Works Employee contract. Key points:

- The template for this contract was set with the previously negotiated Town Hall union agreement.
- It is well within the range of other negotiated settlements based on CCM data.
- We have a “senior” bargaining unit. A number of employees have been with us a very long time.
- The agreement accomplishes a cap on pension plan. Savings from pension plan cap not quantified.
- Health insurance moving to a high deductible plan. Will save \$20k first year.
- All-in increase in cost of contract \$90,000 all-in 2016. The 2017 increase is \$40k when savings from health plan is factored in.

After the presentation the PWC separated from the F&P to deliberate and continue with the balance of the PWC agenda.

From an operational perspective the PWC focused on the expanded array of services being provided and improved efficiency particularly at the Recycling Center. Specifically:

Noted was that single stream recycling continues to produce tangible results. Deliveries to the transfer station continue to lag well (50%) behind the long term (10 year) average . For the first time in Darien's waste management history, recyclables exceeded MSW quantities during 2013 and continues. Recall that for every ton of material processed as single stream recycling produces \$15 in revenue and eliminates an \$87.60 expense to the Town.

In addition collection for Recycling has been expanded to include Mattresses, Paint, among other items. See the RCAC brochure for a complete list of our facilities recycling capabilities.

With 10 of 12 members present, the PWC considered and voted unanimously to recommend approval of item 15-19 to the full RTM .

Alison Stolar provided an update on RCAC activities and possible expansion of its mandate.

At approximately 8:23 PM the meeting was ended.

Respectfully submitted by: Mark Adiletta