

## BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES

### 2022 Solid Waste Advisory Committee January 13, 2022, Minutes

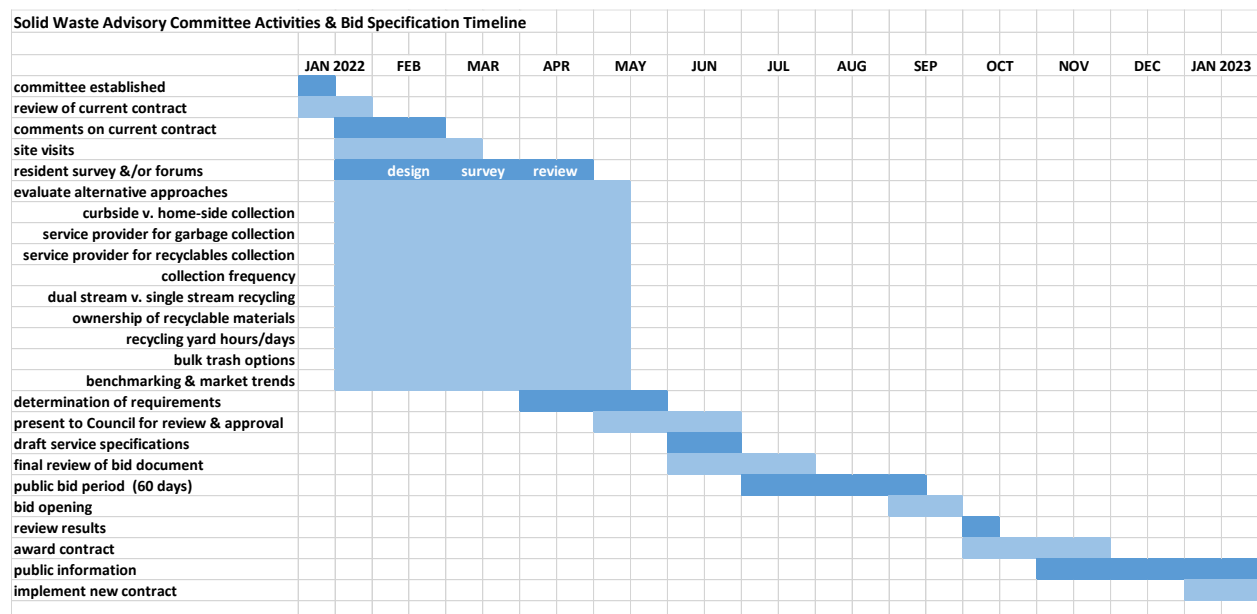
**PRESENT:** Lauren Barnett, Doug Edler, Glen Garvin, Ryan Gorman, Dan Happer, Mimi Kaplan, Chad Scherger, Khizar Sheikh, Mitchell Stern

1. Borough Manager Mitchell Stern kicked off the meeting with Welcome & Introductions
2. The Committee reviewed a draft Mission & Vision statement. The Committee approved the draft statement with one revision (adding “ease of service” to the committee’s vision):

*The mission of the Mountain Lakes Solid Waste Advisory Committee is to thoroughly evaluate the Borough’s residential waste and recycling programs in preparation for our next solid waste contract.*

*The Committee’s vision is to implement solid waste programs for collecting and disposing of residential waste and recyclables that meet the needs of the community, with sensitivity to quality and ease of service, cost of service, environmental impact, and community aesthetics. The reduction of waste in landfills is a priority for the well-being of our environment, and we recognize the important role that community education plays in our efforts to be a model green community.*

3. The Committee walked through the proposed project timeline and key activities



4. The Committee reviewed core elements of the Borough’s current solid waste programs: once/week home-side garbage and recycling collection; dual-stream recycling; green bag “pay-as-you-go” for trash; contract with a traditional hauler (Suburban Disposal, aka Roselle); Borough ownership of recyclables; Recycling Center hours and services; twice/year Trash Days for bulk trash drop-off at Recycling Center – as well as the financials associated with these programs.

5. The Committee discussed the options it will address in developing recommendations for the Borough's upcoming solid waste contract, and agreed each committee member should come to the next meeting prepared to discuss their initial points of view on these options:
  - a. Service provider for Garbage Collection. Options: Traditional hauler; Shared service; In-House; Home-owner responsibility
  - b. Service provider for Recyclables Collection. Options: Traditional hauler; Shared service; Morris County; In-House; Home-owner responsibility
  - c. Garbage & Recycling Collection
    - i. Curb-side vs. home-side pickup
    - ii. How many days/week for Garbage collection
    - iii. How many days/week or days/month for Recycling collection
    - iv. Recycling: Dual Stream vs. Single Stream
  - d. Ownership of Recycling. Options: Borough ownership; Hauler ownership
  - e. Program for generating revenue to cover tipping fees (currently green Bags)
  - f. Bulk Trash Pickup. Options: Trash Day drop-off at Recycling Center; Pick-up by hauler; Other
  - g. Length of Contract
6. The committee discussed some upcoming activities: pulling together and reviewing benchmarking & market trends, gathering community input; and scheduling site visits (Transfer station, Recycling vendor, Morris County Recycling operations)
7. The Committee agreed to meet on the Monday evenings when there are no Borough Council meetings scheduled.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, January 31 @7pm via zoom

NEXT STEPS:

1. Committee members – review information provided in kick-off meeting agenda and current solid waste contract
2. Committee members – come to 1/31 meeting prepared to give initial points of view on solid waste program options
3. Mitchell – schedule site visits
4. Mimi & Lauren – share Benchmarking & Market Trend information
5. Dan, Khizar & Lauren – discuss committee chair position