

*Robert J. Park*

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MICROSOFT "TEAMS"

FEES COMMITTEE

JANUARY 26, 2021

TOWN CLERK  
EAST HARTFORD

PRESENT Connor Martin, Chair, Councillors Awet Tsegai and Pat Harmon

ALSO Marcia A. Leclerc, Mayor

PRESENT John Lawlor, Public Works Director

Via TEAMS Marilynn Cruz-Aponte, Public Works Assistant Director

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Martin called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 14, 2020

MOTION By Awet Tsegai  
seconded by Pat Harmon  
to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2020 meeting as presented.  
Motion carried 3/0.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEAK

None

NEW BUSINESS

Bulky Waste Permit Fees and Procedures

Mayor Leclerc said that, since this referral did not come from the Administration, she was not sure what the Committee wanted to change on this particular fee. Chair Martin stated that currently, the permit fee is \$35, which includes 5 dump passes and 2 curbside pickups. The idea behind this referral was to create a one-time dump pass (\$10) and a one-time curbside pickup pass (\$10) for residents who do not need the 5 dump passes or 2 curbside pickups.

Mayor Leclerc, John Lawlor, Public Works Director and Marilynn Cruz-Aponte, Assistant Public Works Director, walked the Committee through the process that residents follow to obtain a bulky waste permit. Much discussion followed on the glitches in the system and the need for this process to be streamlined and digitized for on-line access. Also discussed was the need to bring back the position of a recycling coordinator who would concentrate on this issue only.

Chair Martin suggested a possible "Welcome to East Hartford" package that would be presented to new homeowners in an effort to educate the new homeowner on the rules and regulations that pertain to East Hartford. In that package, he suggested including one free dump pass. John

Lawlor believes that sending out this package works best in a smaller community, where single-family homeownership is easier to track.

MOTION        By Awet Tsegai  
                  seconded by Pat Harmon  
                  to **recommend** that the Town Council accept the bulky waste permit fee as is.  
                  Motion carried 3/0.

It was the consensus of the Committee to not revise the bulky waste permit fee at this time, until the Administration comes back to this Committee with an update on the work they are doing to refine the bulky waste process.

#### ADJOURNMENT

MOTION        By Awet Tsegai  
                  seconded by Pat Harmon  
                  to **adjourn** (7:30 p.m.).  
                  Motion carried 3/0.

cc: Town Council  
      Mayor Leclerc  
      John Lawlor, Public Works Director  
      Marilynn Cruz-Aponte, Assistant Public Works Director