

Minutes of the
Waste Reduction Committee's Meeting
September 9, 2026, at 4:00 pm
First Selectman's Office

Meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm

In attendance: Jerry Geci, Chairman; Chez Lilly; Helen Simko; Denise Rapp, First Selectman

Chairman's Report:

While a connection was being made with Tory McBrien-Vranken of WasteZero, Geci informed committee members of the recent Board of Selectmen's meeting at which the board approved of the town's participation in the sustainable materials management pilot program to be reviewed after one year.

At 4:20pm McBrien Vranken connected by cell phone to ask the WRC to approve of the design for the orange trash bags. She went on to explain the way in which WasteZero connects with local stores for bag sales and payment procedures. A 90-day lead time is necessary to have bag sales in place at stores. She asked that we meet virtually once a week for the next month. Committee members agreed. Tory will arrange for team invite for next Wednesday. At 4:44 the phone conversation ended.

C. Lilly moved to accept the design for the bags. H. Simko second, and the motion was approved by all.

Geci asked if bags could also be sold at the Recycling Center. After a brief discussion it was decided that an agreement would have to be made with Public Works. This would be discussed with WasteZero representatives.

Carrie Szwed had sent information to J Geci on a grant for schools to reduce waste and encourage composting. Geci will share this information with the appropriate person at the Superintendent's office.

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm

Respectfully submitted by Jerry Geci, Chairman