



TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Mission Statement

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The Town of Swampscott Solid Waste Advisory Committee shall develop reliable internal subject matter expertise in order to advise the Select Board, Town Administrator, and Board of Health on the development and implementation of “Best Practice” policies and procedures relating to solid waste management that balances the fiscal, environmental, and community needs of its residents.

The Committee’s mission will entail the following goals:

1. Reduce the Town’s non-recyclable solid waste disposal by **30 %** by the year 2030. Baseline is set from 2018 and guided by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection draft 2030 Solid Waste Master Plan.
2. Reduce recycling contamination rates.
3. Develop and/or review new or proposed policy initiatives and/or contracts relating to solid waste as directed by the Town Administrator and Select Board. Seek, monitor, and report community feedback regarding the impact of existing and proposed solid waste policy; inform town leadership of these concerns; and suggest changes, updates, or amendments to the relevant policies and bylaws, as needed.
4. Establish community outreach for all matters relating to solid waste. This includes the creation and maintenance of a social media presence and a Town website that offers educational resources.
5. Report publicly available monthly data related to the Town’s solid waste disposal statistics, practices, activities, and services.
6. Monitor and report on the waste management industry including recycling markets, trends, and material pricing.
7. Monitor and report on any new or proposed state and federal policies which could affect the Town’s solid waste program.
8. Advise and partner with Swampscott schools to improve recycling rates, redirect compostable food waste out of the main disposal stream, and seek alternative materials to non-recyclable food service ancillaries.
9. Design and implement community trash and recycling audits which will provide accurate monitoring of policy impact.
10. Engage with neighboring communities and regional DEP representatives to discover opportunities that will benefit from regionalization and/or aggregated efforts between localities. This includes seeking grant opportunities, resident education drives, and efforts to create better state policy representation through a unified coalition of stakeholders.
11. The Committee will be available to report or present its activities and available data to the Select Board, Town Administrator, Board of Health, and Town Meeting as needed or requested.