



**CITY OF NEWTON
SOLID WASTE COMMISSION**

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Ex-Officio Member: Jim McGonagle, DPW Commissioner
Advisory: Waneta Trabert, Environmental Affairs Director

Meeting Date and Time: Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 6:45-8:15 pm
Location: Newton City Hall, Room 106C

AGENDA

1. Introductions
2. Approval of December 21, 2017 Meeting Minutes
3. Update from polystyrene ban subcommittee; possible subcommittee for plastic straw alternatives
4. Update on recyclables contamination rate and Chinese import restrictions on recyclables, and impact on Newton's recycling program
5. Update on survey of other municipalities' practices regarding recyclables contamination
6. Review of draft letter to Mayor Fuller outlining the City's solid waste and recycling priorities
7. Summary of proposed policy for reusable checkout bags by Alison Leary
8. Brief update on Green Newton's stakeholders meeting regarding recycling in the public schools
9. Discussion to develop long-term sustainable materials management strategy
10. Review of public comments received regarding trash and recycling, and compliance with trash and recycling carts policy
11. Public comments
12. Next meeting and member recruitment efforts

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