



**CITY OF NEWTON  
SOLID WASTE COMMISSION**

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Ruthanne Fuller, Mayor



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

**Meeting Date and Time:** Thursday, February 15, 2017 at 6:45-8:15 pm  
**Location:** Newton City Hall, Room 106C

**AGENDA**

1. Introductions
2. Approval of January 18, 2018 Meeting Minutes
3. Update from polystyrene ban subcommittee
4. Update on recyclables contamination rate and upcoming Chinese import restrictions on recyclables, and impact on Newton's recycling program
5. Update on survey of other municipalities' practices regarding recyclables contamination
6. Update on letter to Mayor Fuller outlining the City's solid waste and recycling priorities
7. Update on amendments to the proposed plastic bag reduction ordinance
8. Discussion of proposed mandatory business recycling and private hauler regulations
9. Update on 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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