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**Town of Boonsboro**

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**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 2015**

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**PRESENT:** *Commission Members:* Chairman Bill Brady, Vice Chairperson Rosemary James, Secretary Kathy Vesely, Anthony Dowell, Scott McIllwee,

**ABSENT:** Jessica Renner, Laura Schnackenberg, Amanda Whitmore, Rebecca Wildberger,  
*Mayor and Council Liaison:* Brigitte Schmidt (attending M&C Workshop Meeting)  
*Town Manager:* Megan Clark (attending M&C Workshop Meeting)

**PRESIDING:** Chairperson Bill Brady called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Pay As You Throw (PAYT) –**

This meeting was called in order to discuss the Boonsboro Environmental Commission's stance on the Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) option for refuse disposal. Secretary Vesely gave a brief history of PAYT in the U.S. She mentioned that 77% of attendees (representatives from the various town commissions) of the original WasteZero presentation by Kristen Brown agreed the town WOULD benefit from PAYT. Neither the Mayor nor Assistant Mayor attended the original presentation. Secretary Vesely called ten municipalities, similar in size to Boonsboro, to inquire how and what those towns paid for their sanitation fees. Ideas were presented on how to educate townspeople on the PAYT program. Different suggestions were: Town FB page, Town website, Mailer to households, flyers posted around town, WasteZero's help getting off the ground, and Herald-Mail article. Secretary Vesely shared her list of how to reduce trash and recycle more. Problems if PAYT goes forward include: multiple household-contracted trash haulers going through neighborhoods on a daily basis and trash sitting around longer than resident would like if they reduce their weekly trash output. Pros include: eliminating most of abuse of friends/relatives bringing "outside" trash into Boonsboro to be dropped off, significant decrease in tipping fees, recycling rates increase, reduction in greenhouse gas from reduction in trash at landfill.

Also discussed: how very few people balked when the water/sewer rates went up. Secretary Vesely is just wondering why people are so afraid of PAYT?

Also mentioned for future conversation: getting a Green Waste Program (curbside composting?) up and running.

**ADJOURN**

Chairperson Brady declared the meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kathy Vesely, Secretary

**Next Meeting: TUESDAY, September 8, 2015 – To coincide with M&C meeting, 7 PM**