

COUNCIL MEETING

11/20/90

INTRODUCTIONS: Chm. Bob Fay, Sel. Dennis Abbott and John Monteith, Pat Caron, Debra Miles, Bob Gobeil, Larry Waite, Tom Jones, Paul Morgan, Clint Woodsome, John Roberts, Raymond Smith, Bob Vermeulen, Millard Genthner, Richmond Stevens, Chauncey Gerry, Frank Allen, Dianne Holden, Debra Downs, Danny Langill, Dwayne Woodsome, Dwayne Morin, Doug Yohman, Willis Lord.

WATER SYSTEM: Sel. Abbott updated everyone on what has been happening with the water system. The bids were opened last Wednesday and Wright Pierce will give their recommendation and hopefully construction will soon start. Will be expanding the system. Caswell, Echler & Hill will be doing a presentation on Monday night on a new possible well site.

TAX COLLECTOR: Dianne reported that excise tax will be about the same as predicted. 76% of the 1990 taxes have been collected, tax payments have picked up this week.

DUMP: Council Meeting this month will be dedicated to discussing the handling of the dump. Chm. Fay did an overly of recycling and what has been happening at the dump. Reported on Recycling Comm. and the Waste Task Comm. Present system has worked better than any other system but there are holes that need to be addressed. Non-residents who own just property with no buildings on the property can receive dump stickers. Will be cutting back the stump dump to Saturday and one other day during the winter months. There is a question on Sunday hours. Millard Genthner proposes that 1) the stump dump hours be Wednesday 9-5 and Saturday 8-5. 2) dump stickers expire this year when registration on car runs out then the sticker would expire. Chm. Fay asked how to key a sticker to a car when a car is traded. Pat Caron suggested putting the license plate number on the sticker. Chauncey Gerry suggested scraping off the old sticker and bringing it in to get a new one. Dianne Holden also suggested a refund program of some kind. At this time everyone around the table gave their suggestions. Debra Miles stated that sheetrock and shingles are coming into the transfer station and should charge and also alot of cardboard should be looked into about recycling the cardboard. Pat Caron would like to see the license plate match the dump sticker. Bob Gobeil agrees with Debra Miles. Art Smith would like to see everything suggested incorporated. Willis Lord stated that people feel it should be opened on Sundays. Tom Jones stated that the people need to be educated gradually on recycling so that the people don't resist. Feels that it is being handled okay. Agrees that the license plate number be put on the sticker. S. Berwick uses license plate numbers, and stickers go on either windshield or the side window. Paul Morgan would like to see Sunday hours and keep the hours steady through out the whole year. Clint Woodsome feels that Saturday hours are good enough for the stump dump. Doug Yohman predicted that 50% of trash will be recycled by 1992. John Roberts feels that the dump should be opened on Sundays. Was voted by people at Town Meeting to be open. Selectmen over ruled the vote and Sunday hours should really be looked at. Commercial haulers should pay a tonage rate instead of the \$100. yearly fee. Chm. Fay explained the Town Meeting vote on anything that is not included in the warrant article to be discussed. Millard Genthner stated that there are several people who refuse to put dump stickers on their vehicle. Tom stated that if the license plate number matched the dump sticker then it would not have to be attached to the vehicle. Raymond Smith stated that half of what goes into the transfer station is being hauled in by commercial haulers. Richmond Stevens feels that there should be a fee. RWS has Waterboro iwth the highest per capital tonage as the other towns. Chauncey Gerry asked how the relicensing of the stump dump is coming along. Chm. Fay stated that it is pending and if the Town doesn't get relicensed then will have to haul to Gorham. Chauncey asked about house to house pick up and if it should be checked out. Chm. Fay informed the attendees that there is a committee looking into house to house versus transfer station. In 1981 the choice went to the people at Town Meeting and the transfer station won over house to house.

Dianne stated that she would like to see a regional fee system for all the towns involve with RWS, so that every town charges the same fee for tires, white goods, and for dump stickers. Sel. Abbott stated that there is a need to determine what the Waste Task Comm. should look at. Chm. Fay stated that there should be a different system for people who own just land. Doug Yohman stated that it is a good idea to recycling cardboard, it is recyclable. Goodman in Portland pays for cardboard but the town would need a covered container to put the cardboard in. Doug also feels that businesses should only bring in small loads at a time to the transfer station.

Adjournment.

Dianne stated that she likes Millard's idea of stickers expiring when the vehicle registration expires and receive one sticker and maybe a fee for any other stickers needed. Danny Langill asked if there has been any thought on having dump bags. People would purchase bags with the Town's name on the bag and that would eliminate the need for stickers. Heavy users would be paying more than the person who has just one bag a week. Frank Allen stated that he agrees with the ideas presented tonight and would like to see a fee system for stickers. Commercial haulers could haul right into RWS but he doesn't like the idea of purchasing bags, it would be too expensive for some individuals. The estimated cost to take care of the bags of trash would be about \$200. a ton. Dianne stated at this time that the Waste Task Comm. is considering a poll on curb side pickup versus transfer station. Dwayne Morin stated that curb side would cost about \$10,000. more per year. Doug Yohman made the comment that if you want the service people will have to pay, he feels the cost effective system is the one that is in place now. Chm. Fay stated that it is the consensus of the attendees that stickers expire when the registration expires and will go with the license plate number on the sticker. Chauncey also stated that there should be consistent dump hours throughout the year. Dwayne Woodsome stated that the Town Meeting vote was for Sunday hours, and it was opened up for the summer residents and then closed for the year round residents. Chm. Fay explained what had been discussed before Dwayne entered the meeting. Doug Yohman would like to see Sunday hours for people to clean up their yards for about 4 to 5 Sundays a year. Chm. Fay stated that people who live on the dump road shouldn't have to put up with Sunday traffic, people should not have to work on Sundays. The consensus was also for people to be charged for sheetrock and shingles which are put into the transfer station. Tom Jones added that S. Berwick has a separate container for sheetrock and shingles which are taken to Turn-Key. Chm. Fay asked about fees for tires. Millard stated that he doesn't feel it is right for people to pay a disposal fee for tires at the garage and then have to pay again to dispose of them at the dump. At this time a straw poll was taken: 8-for Sunday Hours; 4-remain part-time on Sun (fall clean up); 7-system as is now in effect. Dianne added should look at commercial haulers fees, now they only pay a \$100. year fee and should pay per load. Sel. Abbott stated that there should be some checking of loads brought in to be sure that it is from Waterboro and not another town. Commercial businesses are not being charged. Sel. Abbott stated that businesses pay a higher tax assessment than regular tax payers. Millard would like to see commercial haulers go into RWS. There is one business that hauls his own trash with a compactor and ties up the transfer station for about 1½ hours or more. Chm. Fay stated that you can't single out one business. Richmond stated that it doesn't work having the haulers haul right into RWS. It costs more in the long run. Willis stated that if someone is bringing in a load or two of sheetrock then he should be charged by the load. The Gorham site will not be opened until next year. The consensus is for a charge for sheetrock and also proof be shown that it came from Waterboro. Raises the question of what should the charge be and the limit. Millard and Raymond are to use their own judgement on how big the loads are. Dianne stated that commercial haulers pay fees on sheetrock if taken by the Townspeople then there will be no charge. Doug Yohman stated should charge after a couple of loads, should charge by tonnage. Richmond stated that the Building Inspector will know how many rooms will be in the house and it could be figured out and paid at the time the building permit is paid for. Dianne stated that people will think twice about paying to unload. Millard would like to see the fee set by yardage. Millard also asked about the use of the recycling container without the sticker. It is not allowed according to the Board of Selectmen. Debby Downs stated that other Towns have been allowed to accept out of town recyclables and Waterboro should also. Sel. Monteith stated that if a sticker is needed to get into the dump, then there will be a better gauge on how much is Waterboro's recyclables.