

Transfer Station Committee
11/27/2006

Members Present: Ralph Bowley, David Woodsome, Clint Andrews, Don Boilard, bob Gobeil, Willis Lord, Fred Fay, Bob Fay and Committee Secretary, Nancy Roberge

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

The minutes from the 10/19/2006 meeting were approved

David recommended that in order for everyone to be heard, please address the chairman to speak.

Maine Recycling Day did not occur due to the fact that it fell on Veterans Day. The committee will try again next spring. Clint let the committee know that the town of Limerick set up a booth on voting day. It got so much interest with people stopping to inquire about recycling that they had to move the booth because it was clogging the flow of traffic of people coming and going to vote.

SAD 57 Cardboard Recycling: Clint indicated that Evan spoke with Superintendent Linda Green - the district will stop bringing the light bulbs to the Transfer Station. Evan suggested swapping the cardboard for the lightbulbs. Linda Green to work on that. Bob Fay will get an update from Evan.

Transfer Station: Bids for electrical power changes are out. December 4th is the pre-bid meeting. All bids are due December 12th. The purchase orders for the well and septic system have been issued. D&M Well Drilling will be doing the well and the town will be doing the septic (Fred Fay).

Old Business :

Enclosure Sheetrock Dumpster - Clint talked to Nancy Brandt about issuing a purchase order all Nancy needs a list of materials. There are volunteers to build the enclosure

Clint brought to the attention of the committee that the large Quonset doors have been damaged. Bud's Overhead Door has looked at the door and care needs to be used when opening and closing. Parts are on order at this time to repair the door.

Onestream: It was recommended that the committee ask someone from Regional Waste to come in and discuss.

Collection of Returnables at the Transfer Station: The Transfer Station needs to get the bags from JD's and the returnables will be hauled to JD's. The Selectmen will talk about what will be done with the money from the returnables.

New Business :

Willis obtained information from various towns for the cost of curbside household trash and recyclables - to show a few: Hollis trash pick-up \$110,000.00, Limerick trash pick-up \$80,000.00 Gorham trash pick-up \$239,200.00. To estimate Waterboro trash & recycling curbside pick-up is \$350,000 to \$450,000.

Willis suggested giving out a survey to residents asking questions regarding trash and recycling. We need to educate the residents of Waterboro about the cost of disposing trash and the benefits of recycling and how it can save the residents money. David will go before the Selectmen to propose a survey.

Clint brought to the attention of the committee that now plastics 1-7 are now recyclable and so are the plastic bags that we get from stores. David suggested that we need to advertise more about recycling. Nancy offered to type up a flyer for the items that are recyclable at the Transfer Station. Clint is to get Nancy the information she needs to type the flyer. Clint recommended that every so often committee members be at the transfer station and hand out flyers regarding recycling.

David suggested asking the Selectmen to institute a program to recognize businesses and individuals for recycling. David will bring the suggestion to the Selectmen. David suggested using some of the committee money to advertise recycling.

Clint suggested we could make money with aluminum cans if they could be sorted out from the tin cans. Aluminum is worth money. Right now, Lincor is paying the town of Waterboro \$60.00 per ton for metal and the town has 18-20 tons at this time.

The biggest cost for Waterboro is cardboard and newspapers being dumped in the hopper. David asked, if the attendants see residents throwing cardboard & newspapers into the hopper do they suggest that they recycle those items. Bob Gobeil indicated that the residents get nasty and use foul language at the attendants if they recommend they recycle those items, so they don't say anything.

Clint indicated that 75% to 80% resident recycle cardboard now. David indicated that we need to come up with ideas on how to address cardboard being thrown in the hopper by residents and commercial haulers.

David made a motion to recommend to the Selectmen to approve unannounced spot checks for commercial haulers to check if we are getting trash from other towns and items that do not belong in the hopper and should be charged for. The motion was seconded by Boilard and approved 6 to 0. David will bring this to the Selectmen

Clint recommended that when the attendants hear or see something that does not belong in the hopper to rip open the bag and tell the people they owe money for whatever they were trying to dispose of in the hopper (example: speakers, small appliances). David

indicated that will also be the purpose of spot checks. This item also brought up that clarification needs to be addressed on penalties for violators that are listed on the back on the transfer station flyer. It does not specifically state what a violation is

Trash was dumped outside the gates at the Transfer Station. The town Sheriff got in contact with the person who did it. Still, more and more trash is being found on the sides of the roads by Fred Fay. David suggested that Fred keep track of how many pounds of trash he picks up weekly off the sides of the roads.

The town of Hollis is meeting with Selectmen on December 12th at 6:15 PM to discuss a proposal for Hollis residents to use the transfer station for recycling only.

Burn Pit: David recommended that we wait until the town gets the drainage plan from Sebago Technics before anything is done to fill in the burn pit.

The committee will have a recycling workshop meeting on December 4th at 7:00 PM. The committee will discuss the date of the next meeting that night.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by David and seconded by Don. Meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Nancy Roberge,
Committee Secretary