

Transfer Station Meeting 12/4/06

Members Present: Ralph Bowley, David Woodsome, Clint Andrews, Don Boilard, Willis Lord and Committee Secretary, Nancy Roberge, visiting: Karen Banks

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

The minutes from the 11/27/06 meeting were approved.

The committee is discussing what we need to do to encourage recycling. Clint showed pictures of Limerick's setup they had on voting day.

Karen Banks suggested advertising during Selectmen's Meetings highlighting businesses that recycle. Ralph indicated that since the Milkroom started recycling they have gone from 2 dumpsters down to 1 dumpster per week.

Clint advised the committee that Limerick goes to businesses to educate them about recycling. We need to show the businesses how recycling will save them money. He recommended sending a letter to business owners informing them about recycling and encourage the business to respond back if they would like more information.

Clint reported on 10/1/06 we had 45.01 tons of recycling taken to Regional Waste. The town reported on 10/1/06 we had 17.04 tons of recycling for the month and 219 tons of household waste. Clint believes that ½ of all the household trash that is hauled to Regional Waste is recyclable material

David feels we need more information from businesses of what they need to be able to recycle. The biggest issue most business owners will have is storage and labor

Clint indicated that the town makes \$15.00/ton on cardboard. The town gets approximately 15 to 18 tons of cardboard per month. We need to work on the commercial trash haulers to not dump cardboard into the hopper.

David suggested creating a list of businesses that recycle and recognize them for recycling.

David asked if we can enforce people dumping cardboard and paper without an ordinance? Clint indicated that there was a lack of support from prior Selectmen to enforce Transfer Station rules. David suggested that the attendants need to encourage Transfer Station users to recycle.

Evan suggest hooking up a conveyor to the hopper and a Selectman go through the trash

and pull out the recyclables to show them what and how much could have been recycled. David suggested to have commercial haulers dump in front of the hopper to go through the trash to determine if trash is coming from another town and also for recycling.

David suggested that we need to advise the residents by taking out ads and advertising during the Selectmen's meetings that we are aiming to increase recycling and there will be spot checks at the Transfer Station.

Evan indicated that he has been to Sanford's Transfer Station and they have signs that are very legible and hard to miss. It was suggested that Evan take pictures of Sanford's signs

Clint indicated that Fred Fay came in twice on Saturday with a truck full of trash found of the sides of the roads.

Waste Oil - The town has a company that has been purchasing our waste oil. The town has approximately 2,700 to 3,000 gallons of waste oil per year. The possibility was brought up about converting the waste oil into heating fuel for the town buildings. The city of Biddeford uses waste oil to heat their municipal building

Light bulbs - Businesses and schools should be charged for disposal of fluorescent light bulbs and residents no charge. Clint indicated that it has been an unspoken rule for many years that the schools not be charged for the disposal of TV's, computers and lightbulbs, that will change. Evan indicated that Superintendent of schools Linda Green said she would work on giving the town their cardboard. Evan will try and contact her on Wednesday December 6th.

David indicated that everyone on the committee that can needs to talk to businesses about recycling paper and cardboard. We need to start a campaign for resident recycling. We need to put the word out about spot checks at the Transfer Station and why we are doing it. The Committee to check into further about renting a conveyor belt.

The Selectmen need to institute that all town buildings must recycle. Just the town hall alone recycles 15 tons of paper per year. The town can get free silver bullets from RWS to place at town buildings. It was suggested that one be placed at the fire station, library and all 4 schools.

Don indicated that some of the firemen dump their household trash in the dumpster at the fire department and paper and cardboard is thrown in there as well and not recycled.

David made a motion to go before the Selectmen to institute a policy that all town buildings recycle. The motion was seconded and approved 5 to 0.

The next meeting will be January 11, 2007

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Roberge,
Committee Secretary