

Draft minutes of the Transfer Station and Recycling Committee May 4, 2022

In attendance: Bob Lenzi, Joe Clark, Erin Paradise, Dannen Mannschrek from the Select Board, Margery Shepard, Pat Mead (alternate) and Lenny Kerekes. Attending electronically: Peter Royce

Absent: John Wallace (alternate)

Erin called the meeting to order at 2:01 pm. The first item on the agenda was to welcome the new members and alternates. The Select Board names Margery Shepard and Len Kerekes as regular members and Pat Mead and John Wallace as alternates. The committee reaffirmed that alternates are encouraged to attend and participate, but can only vote in the absence of a regular member.

The transition to Harding Metals as the replacement to Ponderosa was reported going well. The first load provided \$315 in revenue to the Town.

Erin met with the public works director from Gilford and two engineers from CMA Engineers to review the operations and layout of the transfer station. CMA provided a 4 page report with their summary of our operations and their recommendations for changes. Using 2019 NHDES data, the engineers estimated that fewer than 25% of the residents were using the transfer station.

They noted that a reversal of the traffic pattern (swapping the entrance and exit) would create a park/walk scenario or discontinuance for two of the four drop-off windows.

The engineers recommended a third roll-off container be added to increase bulky waste/C&D capacity. This would require an addition of about ten feet to the retaining wall.

More parking at the recycling area was also recommended. That could be achieved by making the spaces straight in rather than angled and would spread to both sides of the building.

As a solution to residents walking from the recycling building to the electronics and/or tire containers, it is recommended those bins be set next to the glass tub.

Lastly, they recommended that the pavement be expanded to reduce maintenance.

A discussion ensued about hosting a plastic cap drive. Questions arose regarding the container size and location. Erin said she would find out more on the proposal.

Select Board Chair Dannen suggested we start to make long term plans for the facility and prioritize the related costs.

Margery asked about composting. Ther Committee previously thought having a speaker (from UNH) might stimulate interest in composting at home. It was also suggested that video-taping the event and making it available online would be beneficial.

It was noted that before a discussion on bag prices, the committee should first determine how much of the various disposal costs the bags should cover.

Erin reported the trash pickup day went well, but the weight and cost were not yet known.

Waste Management will meet with the Select Board May 9 to ask for a 3% increase in the hauling rate.

The next meeting is June 1 at 2pm. Meeting adjourned at 3.15 pm. Peter Royce