

Draft minutes of Transfer Station and Recycling Review Committee: Meeting December 28, 2020

Attending by phone or logged in: Michael Amenti, Bob Lenzi, Doug Winter, Erin Paradise, Dan Peavey, and Peter Royce

Absent: Tracy Hardekopf , Rick Spinale

The meeting was opened at 2:30 pm.

The agenda items were to create a proposed contractor policy, stickers, and traffic flow.

The Town of Hampton has a good example of a document required for contractor use of the transfer station. After discussion it was decided as follows:

1. The description of the truck was not necessary
2. Contractors, subcontractors, and haulers of volume loads all should be subject to the policy
3. Advance warning can be given to contractors by mailing them the form once approved by the Board.
4. Appointments will not be required.
5. The document should include a request that loads be covered to prevent roadside litter.
6. The document should emphasize that the dumpster area should be picked up after any disposal.

Discussion ensued related to how to distribute stickers. It was suggested that allowing residents to mail in a request with a self-addressed-stamped envelope would ease some of the expected congestion at the transfer station. The goal is to begin distribution January 1 and have the stickers mandatory on March 1.

The traffic flow remains a serious issue with people and cars crossing paths moving from one area to another. Space limitations prevent significant relocation of the existing bins, and travel behind the recycling building was deemed unacceptable (lack of space and lack of supervision). A suggestion was made to open the back of the recycling building to allow more room for parking, but it was concluded this plan was not feasible. A suggestion to have a recycling tub and a MSW tub at the each of the current transfer station and recycling station was also considered impractical.

The question arose as to what Hazardous Waste Day does with smoke detectors? Since they are not prohibited from regular MSW, the concern was they might be discarded rather than recycled. Bob Lenzi volunteered to answer this question,

The minutes from November 30 were approved as written.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 11, 2021 at 2:30 pm. Topics for continued discussion are smoke detectors, subcontractors, and a follow-up discussion on the alternatives to plastic bags.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Peter Royce