

Draft minutes of Transfer Station and Recycling Review Committee Meeting: October 13, 2021.

Attending the meeting: Bob Lenzi, Doug Winter, Erin Paradise, Joe Clark, Daneen Mannschreck.

Absent: Mike Amenti, Rick Spinale, Peter Royce.

The meeting was opened at: 1:44 pm.

The agenda items are holiday hours, conservation commission collaboration, roadside cleanup, metal container, MSW bag order and ongoing business topics (i.e., Mr. Fox compost, book bin, textile bin, and volunteer / committee appointment forms).

Erin announced that Mike Amenti had resigned from the committee followed by asking for a scribe to record meeting minutes for which Doug Winter volunteered.

It was decided that the Transfer Station should be closed on Saturday December 25th; to compensate, the Transfer Station should operate extended hours (9 am to 6pm) on Tuesday December 28th. The committee tasked Erin to confer with the employees and determine the January 1st hours. The Holiday Hour proposal will then be presented to the Select Board.

The Conservation Commission has suggested that a collaborative effort with the Transfer Station Review Committee would benefit the community. Erin will seek out more information in regards to the proposal.

The Recreation Department is forming a monthly roadside cleanup group to provide an avenue for citizens to cleanup roadside debris. The Transfer Station will provide bags for disposal of the waste as MSW.

To support regular town MSW disposal a MSW bag order will be needed, Erin will proceed as required.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the Metal Recycling Container. Currently the container is owned & “controlled” by Ponderosa Disposal; the Transfer Station is not charged for the service provided; however, the only revenue received by the town consists of the fees collected from the citizens. A Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRRA) representative that recently toured the Transfer Station has suggested that the metal container “operation” could become a revenue source for the town; Schnitzer Northeast was suggested as a replacement vendor. Meeting attendees were provided Schnitzer literature and Erin will obtain more data (including scrap metal tonnage from Ponderosa) to continue this discussion at future meeting(s).

Ongoing business was summarized as follows:

Mr. Fox composting is still a possibility, due to volume a second book recycle bin has been deployed, a textile recycling bin is now operating, and the “new” Barrington Town volunteer and committee appointment forms have not been issued.

Erin announced that a new Transfer Station entry gate is installed and operational.

The minutes from August 22 were accepted as written.

The next meeting will be scheduled as needed. Erin will provide the date, agenda and location to committee members.

The meeting adjourned at: 3:10pm.

Doug Winter