

Draft minutes of Transfer Station and Recycling Review Committee: Meeting September 21, 2020

Attending by phone or logged in: Bob Lenzi, Doug Winter, Erin Paradise, Michael Amenti, and Rick Spinale.

Absent: Tracy Hardekopf

The meeting was opened at 2:37 pm.

The agenda items are bag fees, stickers, and hours at the transfer station.

Erin announced that Peter Royce had resigned from the committee, followed by asking for a replacement to record meeting minutes for which Doug Winter volunteered.

A short discussion then ensued as to the possibility of an alternate to using plastic bags as the means of MSW (Municipal Solid Waste) disposal. Erin had previously solicited input from Peter Lachapelle (Waste Management) & Carli Blandford (Senior Regional Sales Representative of WasteZero) and provided information to committee members. The discussion concluded without an alternate system being allowed at this time.

It was decided that a separate CARDBOARD ONLY recycle stream would not be viable as the possible increase in revenue did not justify the cost for the necessary supporting infrastructure.

Erin announced that in the near future (upcoming weeks) Strafford Regional will be doing a traffic count to determine the actual vehicles that use the facility. This will provide data that is not currently available for a typical Tuesday & Saturday at the Transfer Station.

MSW Bag Fees were discussed at length; after a comparison of bag fees charged by nearby communities, the discussion centered on collecting revenues to offset the cost of MSW & Single Stream Recycling (including annual increasing contracted costs). The result was that the cost of a 10 pack of large bags would be raised to \$15 (from \$13) and small bags to \$10 (from \$9).

A decision on Vehicle Stickers for residents was delayed awaiting a determination of the cost, Erin will obtain the required information.

A decision on Transfer Station operating hours was delayed until Erin collects input from the work force.

Erin notified the attendees that she would be providing pictures to the committee members regarding an ongoing problem created by transfer station patrons leaving recycle collection "bags" for disposal after depositing their recyclables; to be discussed at next meeting.

The minutes from September 9 were accepted as written.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 13 at 2:30 pm. The agenda items include stickers, hours at the transfer station and abandoned recycle collection bags.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10pm.

Doug Winter