Draft minutes of Transfer Station and Recycling Review Committee: Meeting May 18, 2020

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

Absent: Tracy Hardekopf

Guest: Pete LaChapelle from Waste Management

The meeting was opened at 2:32 pm.

Mr. LaChapelle introduced himself. He stated he has been with Waste Management for 18 years and worked with Barrington for all of that time. He reported that disposal costs will continue to rise as landfill space becomes more scarce. He told us that cardboard is making somewhat of a comeback while mixed paper continues to be a loss. The poor markets are partly because China is no longer taking recyclable products. He explained where current products go. Barrington has had no loads rejected as yet.

Tracy joined the call at 2:40 pm.

Rick asked if Waste Management had any videos or other tools which might help educate what can be recycled. Pete said the list of what should NOT be recycled would be extensive. He also told the committee he would check on resources and get back to Erin.

Pete reported that caps on bottles is now OK for their process. Glass is being used internally as roads are being built at the landfill expansion. Barrington definitely saves by separating glass as it is very heavy and the tipping rate is the lowest (\$36/ton) of anything we collect.

The issue of "leakage" was discussed. Management at Waste Management is investigating how to control the use of free dumping by non-Rochester residents.

Rick again cited the need for stickers.

Mr. LaChapelle left the meeting at about 3:40pm.

The minutes from April 27 were accepted as written.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 8th at 2:30 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 pm.

Peter