

Draft minutes of Transfer Station and Recycling Review Committee: Meeting June 8, 2020

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

Absent: Michael Amenti,

The meeting was opened at 2:30 pm.

The topics for the meeting were education and flyers.

Contaminants were discussed. These include plastic bags, paper plates, electronics, hoses, straws, and napkins. Also cited were improperly cleaned mayonnaise and peanut butter containers. Dishes, drinking glasses, pyrex, and ceramics are not compatible with Waste Management's use of the glass containers and bottles.

It was asked if Waste Management could incorporate some of our issues into their videos, but that doesn't seem likely.

The question arose if users of the recycling center realize the problems they cause? Should we have a station where loads could be inspected for educational purposes. Can we charge for non-compliance? Can we block regular abusers?

Discussion ensued about how to distribute flyers. Mailing might be a waste of money (and no funds are currently available), so perhaps a handout at the transfer station might be better. Perhaps a list of alternative disposal methods should be included for items like electronics, appliances, waste oil, and batteries.

It was suggested there be FAQs posted on the Town's site or Facebook.

Erin will prepare a draft document for a flyer to be discussed at our next meeting.

The minutes from May 18 were accepted as written.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 29th at 2:30 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Peter

