

Draft minutes of Transfer Station and Recycling Review Committee: Meeting March 2, 2020

Attending: Rick Spinale, Michael Amenti, Bob Lenzi, Doug Winter, Darlene Harris, Erin Paradise, and Peter Royce.

Also attending Marc Moreau

The meeting was opened at 2:30. Peter volunteered to take the minutes. Erin provided members with an informational booklet, and the organization of the booklet was described.

Many thoughts were shared on issues and possible improvements to the existing operation. Included in the discussion were the following:

1. About 50% of the operation of the transfer station and recycling center are covered by fees.
2. Is single stream viable?
3. How to handle bulky waste: by the truckload, use a scale, or by volume. By volume was described as too complicated.
4. Are recyclables more expensive than bulky waste?
5. Can plastic be made into diesel fuel?
6. Can composting be encouraged?
7. Can the flow of traffic be changed?
8. Can the disposal sites for various products be numbered?
9. Can fees be collected before the unloading starts?
10. Should stickers be scannable?
11. Patrons should be better educated on alternatives to disposal. (ie. Appliances to Harding)
12. Can we use social media and handouts to encourage better compliance?

It seemed consensus that any change is difficult and some patrons are more than contentious. Some members announced they will visit other town's facilities.

It was decided the next meeting will be April 6 at 2:30 pm at the Town Hall. Focus will be on educating the public and flow of traffic.

Meeting adjourned at 3:40 pm.

Peter