Draft minutes of Transfer Station and Recycling Review Committee: Meeting October 15, 2020

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

Absent: Tracy Hardekopf

The meeting was opened at 2:30 pm.

The agenda items were stickers, operating hours, and bag waste.

Discussion ensued relative to whether stickers had to be attached to a vehicle, if so, where are these stickers to be located, and how a person obtains a sticker. The following was decided by the committee:

1. Stickers must be attached to the vehicle behind the rear-view mirror.
2. A person has to show some proof of residency: that can be a driver’s license, a tax bill, or any other document showing a Barrington address.
3. Green was agreed as the designated color.

The committee members wanted Erin to determine the cost and size of the stickers without coming back to the committee for review.

As to hours, the committee members agreed that Saturday should become open to the public from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. The goal for Tuesdays was to keep the budget the same (so add 2 hours to Tuesday). After discussing the pros and cons of open hours from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm, it was decided to have Tuesday hours of operation from noon to 6:00 pm.

Lastly, the excessive volume of bags left at the recycling compactors was discussed. It was suggested that any policy will require a great deal of education of the public. Erin reported some progress was being made and wanted to table this subject for now.

Erin suggested the price per cubic yard of sheetrock should be $50, not $45. The committee suggested that change be presented to the Select Board. In addition, she reported a decision of the Select Board from 2008 which banned contractor loads from using the bulky waste bins. The argument is those large loads quickly fill the available capacity. Again, it was suggested that this situation be presented to the Select Board to determine if the current board has a different policy.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 2 at 2:30 pm. Topics for discussion will be contractor loads and a review of the policies for use of the transfer station and recycling center. It was suggested the “check-in:” section be clarified for what does or does not require check-in.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00pm.

Peter Royce