

Town of Waldoboro, Maine
Transfer Station Committee Meeting Minutes
Municipal Building - 1600 Atlantic Highway
Wednesday, August 11, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order** – Bob Butler, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. with a quorum present. Other members present were:

Liz Dinsmore, Friendship Select Board and Secretary
Terry Gifford, Waldoboro Waste Hauler
John Higgins, Waldoboro Citizen
Monika Magee, Cushing Citizen
Will Payson, Cushing Select Board
Bruce Prior, Cushing Waste Hauler
Randy Robbins, Cushing Citizen
Ted Wooster, Waldoboro Select Board and Vice Chairman

Others Present - John Daigle, Head of Waldoboro Public Works

2. **Election of Secretary.** The Committee voted Liz Dinsmore as its secretary. No one was opposed.

3. **Approval of Minutes.** The Committee voted, unanimously, to approve the minutes of its August 3, 2011 meeting.

4. **Legal Counsel.** In communications with Bob Butler, Will Payson has raised questions about the interplay between the drafting of a new ordinance and the existing *Municipal Service Agreement for Solid Waste Disposal Facilities* among Waldoboro, Cushing, and Friendship. Will agrees that Waldoboro's ordinance is entirely divorced from the Facilities Agreement, however his point that a change in Waldoboro's existing ordinance, which dates back to 1980, has an implied potential impact upon the Facilities Agreement is important. Prior to the Committee meeting Bob Butler approached Waldoboro's Interim Town Manager with a request that she invite Waldoboro's attorney to attend a future Committee meeting to answer questions and to provide counsel. She agreed to do so. By consensus, the Committee agreed that questions posed to the attorney will have to be thought out in advance to ensure an efficient use of his time.

5. Transfer Station Ordinance Draft No. 14. Committee members raised the following issues (among others) as they discussed the ordinance draft:

a. The draft needs to include summer residents as Permitted Users.

b. The definitions of Commercial Waste and Residential Waste need to be refined. Some Committee members felt there is, in reality, no difference between the two. John Daigle pointed out that some businesses dispose of waste which is very different from that generated by residences. Terry pointed out that keeping Commercial Waste separated from Residential Waste is not practical. By consensus, the Committee agreed to put a hold on its discussion of these two definitions. Bob Butler said he would re-visit them in Draft No. 15 in light of the Committee's discussion of them.

d. During the discussion of the definition of Supervisor – which the Committee has changed to “Manager”-- John Daigle mentioned that none of the candidates applying for the position is adequately qualified. Randy Robbins moved (John Higgins seconded) to recommend to the Waldoboro Select Board that it re-advertise for the position of the Transfer Station Manager. The Committee approved the motion unanimously.

e. During the discussion of the procedures to be followed for issuing Transfer Station decals and permits (Section 2.2.5), Ted Wooster moved that the body of the ordinance should deal with the subject in general terms, leaving the details of issuing decals and permits (which could change in the future) to Appendix A. Will Payson seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Bob Butler will work on Ordinance Draft #15 to reflect the comments and suggestions of the foregoing discussion.

6. Visit to Rockport Transfer Station. Monika Magee suggested that Committee members visit the Camden, Rockport Transfer Station. Monika has visited the facility and is very impressed. The committee agreed the visit should be arranged by consensus. Monika will set a date.

7. Next meeting. The Committee agreed by consensus to meet again at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 25th.

8. Adjournment. John Higgins moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted
Liz Dinsmore

APPROVED:

Transfer Station Committee:

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