

**Town of Waldoboro, Maine**  
**Transfer Station Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Municipal Building - 1600 Atlantic Highway**  
**Thursday, February 20, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.**

1. Sign in and Call to Order. Bob Butler called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Determine presence of a Quorum (at least 5 of the 7 Committee members or their duly appointed Alternates must be present).

Present at the meeting were:

Martha Marchut, Cushing Select Board  
Randolph W Robbins, Cushing Resident  
Bruce A. Prior, Cushing Hauler  
Elizabeth Dinsmore, Friendship Select Board  
John E. Meyn, Friendship Resident  
Theodore Wooster, Waldoboro Select Board  
Bob Butler, Waldoboro Resident

The above Transfer Station Committee members constituted a quorum.

Also present at the meeting were John Higgins (Waldoboro Alternate), Terry Gifford (Hauler Alternate), Dan Ramian (Cushing Resident), Monika Magee (Cushing Alternate), Ron Miller (Waldoboro Select Board), John Daigle (Waldoboro Public Works Director), Beebee Naylor (Regional Rubbish Removal), Mike Naylor (Regional Rubbish Removal), Wes Richardson (Waldoboro Town Manager) and Wayne Leeman (Nobleboro).

3. Discuss the Minutes of January 30, 2014 meeting. John Meyn moved and Randy Robbins seconded that the committee accept the minutes of the January 30, 2014 meeting. The motion passed unanimously
4. Remarks – Ronald Miller, Waldoboro Select Board

Ron Miller address the committee, making the following points:

- a. He's been receiving calls on a daily basis about the Transfer Station. Recently someone from one of the Waldoboro Communities called to complain that the price he's charged for a dumpster has doubled. The individual tried to Call John Daigle and then called Ron Miller. Miller explained the situation and the individual seemed somewhat to understand, not perfectly, but somewhat. Miller said there are 30 dumpsters in a communit of 3 miles. People cannot afford to pay the high cost of the dumpsters. He's concerned they could end up dumping on their properties. He thought the committee should know. With the snow going away, the marina is starting to clutter up. He warned committee members to keep their eyes open after the snow melts.
- b. Miller express his concern that at the lack or participation by a lot of the members of the committee.
- c. Miller said the committee is not accomplishing a whole lot. He thought there might be too

- much on the agenda.
- d. Miller said he's seen disrespect and intimidation at the Transfer Station meetings. He said the chairman runs the meeting and no one else seems to be contributing
  - e. Miller said the committee has no authority to approve anything; it's an advisory committee, only.
  - f. Miller said he's done a lot of research on transfer station ordinances. He said he has yet to find one that is more than one page long. He said the Waldoboro ordinance has a lot of places that repeat and contradict themselves. In his view it should be more user friendly, with "do's" and "don'ts". There are too many definitions. People are confused.

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After Ron Miller concluded his remarks, Bob Butler announced that the recycling videos Alan and Monika Magee and their subcommittee had worked so hard on were now up on the Waldoboro website.

Bob Butler re-iterated that the Waldoboro Town Office has a list of haulers who are licensed to operate in Waldoboro. He said he would ask if the Town Office could post the list of waste haulers on the town website.

Bob Butler also mentioned that the Waldoboro Town Office is now selling Composting Bins for \$48 discounted, from about \$100. At the request of Liam Ducharme, Town Administrator, he mentioned that the committee might consider writing a commentary or a letter to editors to appear in April as an endorsement for the composting and recycling bins the town makes available.

5. Action concerning Committee Alternates. John Meyn moved to un-table his motion, tabled at the January 30<sup>th</sup> meeting, that Committee Alternates should sit in the audience and not at the table. Randy Robbins seconded the motion. During the ensuing discussion, Wes Richardson confirmed that the Maine Municipal Association advised that alternates should sit in the audience. Martha Marchut said it's difficult with so many sitting at the table to know who is supposed to vote and who isn't. Liz Dinsmore said she had watched one of the meetings on video and could not distinguish committee members from alternates. John Higgins argued that alternates had been participating at the table since the time when the committee was an *ad hoc* committee. He said the Waldoboro Select Board had appointed him as a committee alternate and, by appointment, he had a right to participate at the table. Bob Butler took responsibility for the confusion, saying he should have asked the alternates to sit in the audience after the respective Transfer Station Partner Select Boards had made their formal appointments to the committee during its first year.

John Meyn's motion passed on a vote of 5 in favor, 2 against. John Higgins graciously left the table to participate from the audience.

6. Review with Waldoboro Town Manager, Wes Richardson, the status of the complaint against Joe's Rubbish Removal

Bob Butler moved to table the matter until after Select Board meeting on February 25<sup>th</sup>. Ted Wooster seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Ron Miller invited all Transfer Station Committee members to attend the February 25<sup>th</sup> Select Board meeting.

7. Discuss Draft Transfer Station Budget for FY 2015

John Daigle handed out the draft FY 2014/15 Transfer Station Operating Budget. He did not include the capital budget in the handout. He went through the budget's line items with the committee. The draft budget is attached to these minutes.

8. Progress report concerning the development information about Transfer Station Scales

John Daigle handed out a preliminary letter from Pine Tree Engineering concerning the scales. That letter is attached to these minutes.

By consensus the committee agreed to discuss the scales--and the draft budget--after Pine Tree presented its final recommendation concerning the scales.

9. Single Stream and Pay-per-Bag – Where do we go from here? And Discussion of Lincoln County’s accounting for surpluses of Lincoln County Recycling. Should the Transfer Station Committee recommend to the Waldoboro Select Board to contact Lincoln County to discuss establishing an LCR Undesignated Funds Account to (a) meet future shortfalls and (b) hold future gains with a recommended minimum balance? LCR monies are currently turned over to Lincoln County’s General Fund.

Randy Robbins moved with Ted Wooster’s second to table the foregoing two items until the next Transfer Station Committee meeting. The committee voted its unanimous approval

10. Complaint form and suggestion box. Randy Robbins moved with Ted Wooster’s second that a Transfer Station Complaint form be made available to the public and that a suggestion box be installed at the Transfer Station. The motion passed unanimously.
11. Discuss Updates/Amendments to Waldoboro Solid Waste and Required Recycling Ordinance. Discuss Draft 1 of possible changes.

Wes Richardson said he wanted to get input from the Town’s attorney as to the legality of the Ordinance. Bob Butler pointed out that the Maine Municipal Association had reviewed the ordinance prior to its being voted on.

The committee agreed by consensus that clarifications to the ordinance were necessary. A discussion ensued concerning the committee’s authority or lack thereof to hear complaints by or against transfer station employees and to act upon them.

Pursuant to that discussion, John Daigle stated that the Joe’s Rubbish Removal issue had not been resolved in that the accommodation Joe’s Rubbish Removal had reached during its January meeting with the union, the Town Manager and with the Public Works Department had not been implemented. Mr. Daigle was unable to go into the details of that assertion, however he was adamant that the agreement among the parties had not held. He recommended that the committee consider a motion recommending a course of action to the Waldoboro Select Board concerning Joe’s Rubbish Removal.

The Committee, on a vote of 6 to 1, approved the following recommendation to the Waldoboro Select Board:

“In view of the absence of resolution of the Director of Public Works complaint against Joe's Rubbish Removal, this committee is prepared to recommend that Joe's Rubbish Removal be suspended or prohibited from using the Waldoboro Transfer Station and, if deemed appropriate by the Waldoboro Select Board, would support a decision to revoke Joe’s Rubbish Removal’s hauler’s license.”

12. Adjournment.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted: John Meyn, Secretary and Bob Butler, Chairman

Approved:

Bob Butler, Chairman (Waldoboro Resident)

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Ted Wooster (Waldoboro Select Board and Vice Chairman)

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Martha Marchut (Cushing Select Board)

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Randolph Robbins (Cushing Resident)

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Liz Dinsmore (Friendship Select Board)

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John Meyn, Secretary (Friendship Resident)

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Bruce Prior (Waste Hauler)

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