

Town of Waldoboro, Maine
Minutes of the Waldoboro Transfer Station Committee
Municipal Building - 1600 Atlantic Highway
Thursday, March 6, 2014 – 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

1. Sign in and Call to Order

Bruce Prior, Waste Hauler
Ted Wooster, Waldoboro Select Board
Bob Butler, Waldoboro Resident
Randy Robbins, Cushing Alternate
Liz Dinsmore, Friendship Select Board
Arthur Thompson, Friendship Select Board and Alternate

The above Transfer Station Committee members constituted a quorum.

Also present at the meeting were John Higgins, Alternate; Wes Richardson, Waldoboro Town Manager; Ron Miller, Waldoboro Select Board; John Daigle, Waldoboro Director of Public Works

2. Discuss the Minutes of February 27, 2014 meeting. It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2014 meeting. The committee approved the minutes by a vote of 6 to 0.
3. Workshop. It was moved and seconded to adjourn into a workshop to discuss scales, software, and the fiscal year 2015 Transfer Station Budget and changes to Attachment B. All present voted in favor.

The following are notes taken during the workshop discussion

John Daigle said the Transfer Station would be around for a long time. The towns will be closing the landfill at some point. Recycling has more than doubled in recent months. The Town will have to close the landfill. Woodchips and universal waste are already moved out of the facility. Other items will be recycled as new and different markets evolve. It may be feasible to develop satellite areas for Solid Waste disposal in Friendship and Cushing, which are 12 to 14 miles away from the Transfer Station. As populations grow it is conceivable that 8,000 people could be asking for curbside pick-up combined with single-stream.

John Daigle added that the DSM Study and Pine Tree Engineering both recognized that we have a 50-year time frame. Both studies are looking at bigger scales. 80-yard containers to improve economies of scale hauling waste away from the Transfer Station will replace 30-yard containers. We'll have all this stuff to look at down the road. John Daigle would like 70-foot scale. He acknowledges that we could start with a 40 footer because we can add on at a future date. However, going bigger now is better and more economical. It's less costly in the long run and will permit the station, employing higher capacity containers, to have solid waste hauled at lower per-pound cost.

A lot of towns have 60- and 70-foot scales. Trucks have sleepers.....trucks are longer...laws

have changed to allow a 52-foot trailer. Longer vehicles require a 70-foot scale.

The financial plan is to borrow from the landfill closure reserve at a low rate of interest. The funding is available to cover the cost of the 70-foot scale.

Ted Wooster said that if we discontinue the landfill totally, how do we transport landfill items? In the long-term nothing will be land filled. . . Vehicles with high capacity, 110-yard trailers will be needed. A 40-foot scale cannot weigh such vehicles accurately. Wood chips are charged by the ton. With scales, we'd have verification on our end of the transaction.

Ronnie Miller said there's nothing you can do with a 70-foot scale that you cannot do with a 40-foot scale. Longer scales don't generate dollars. He saw one facility where they had a steady flow of tractor-trailers, with a 5-minute wait to be weighed. 70-foot scales are useful in such situations. He does not foresee a steady inflow of these proportions coming into the Transfer Station.

Ted Wooster said that with only two employees at the Transfer Station, time does become a factor. Ronnie Miller said he'd rather see the money used more wisely.

John Higgins said that 40-foot scales take up less room. Required turning areas will be greater. The cost of installing roadways could be higher. It could be more difficult for the longer trailers to get into the Transfer Station.

John Daigle said that the plans for the Transfer Station show three lanes with room to accommodate long trucks. He pointed out that currently we take in 5,000 tons. We landfill 1800 tons

Wes Richardson pointed out that the cost difference between the 40-foot scale and the 70-foot scale is about \$30,000, now. That difference will grow as time passes. It makes sense to install the 70-foot scale, now.

Software

There are lots of software packages available for scales. Scale options are numerous and growing. John Daigle recommends pending the discussion concerning software until after the scales have been approved and are undergoing installation.

FY 2014/15 Transfer Station Budget

The committee discussed the budget line-by-line with John Daigle.

Changes to Attachments A and B

Prior to commencing the discussion, John Daigle addressed the committee.

He said, since September of 2013 tonnage transported to PERC is down by 49.28 tons. He pointed out that individual haulers are more than meeting the 30% recycling guideline. He said he would provide a list of 9 of the haulers with their percentages to each committee member. They are all compliant, and many of them are well above the 30% guideline.

In John's view the result is pretty good. The ordinance is about recycling. Transfer station staff cannot open every bag. It takes too much time. 30% is a guide for John and Al to go by. If Permitted Users don't have 30% he can open bags and charge the fee. At present only two haulers are not in compliance. The Selectmen are getting calls from people. They are not referring the callers to the Transfer Station Committee. They are opening themselves up for a lot of difficulty. As for the committee, no complaints have been documented. Transfer Station

staff are not in it to get people upset with them. They are trying to work with everyone. You can't change laws and rules on account of a couple of people.

4. Move to Adjourn from the Workshop.

It was moved and seconded to move out of the workshop sessions. The committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

5. Ted Wooster moved with Randy Robbins' second to endorse the April 13, 2013 recommendation for a 70-foot scale. The committee's vote in favor of the motions was unanimous.

6. Ted Wooster moved with Liz Dinsmore's second to endorse the Transfer Station Budget dated November 5, 2013, as John Daigle submitted it to the Committee. The committee voted unanimously to approve the motion.

7. Adjournment

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

Respectfully Submitted: Bob Butler, Chairman

Approved:

Bob Butler, Chairman (Waldoboro Resident)

Ted Wooster (Waldoboro Select Board and Vice Chairman)

Arthur Thompson, Cushing Select Board and Alternate

Randy Robbins, Cushing Alternate

Liz Dinsmore (Friendship Select Board)

Bruce Prior, Waste Hauler
