

## Town of Waldoboro Maine

### Transfer Station Committee Meeting Minutes

Municipal Building – 1600 Atlantic Hwy.

Thursday, January 7, 2016 – 7:00 to 9:00 PM

1. Sign in and call to order: Bob Butler called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM on Thursday, January 7, 2016. John Meyn introduced Davin Robinson, prospective alternate for Friendship.
2. Determine the presence of a quorum (at least 5 of the 7 committee members or their duly appointed alternates must be present):

The following Waldoboro Transfer Station Committee members were present and constituted a quorum:

Robert Butler, Waldoboro resident

Ron Miller, Waldoboro Select Board

John Meyn, Friendship resident

Randy Robbins, Cushing resident

Liz Dinsmore, Friendship Select Board

Ted Wooster, Waldoboro resident

Martha Marchut, Cushing Select Board

Also present:

Abden Simmons

Davin Robinson

Seth Hall

John Higgins

John Daigle

3. Information Sharing: Committee Members, Haulers, and Director of Public Works: There were no questions from the haulers. Seth Miller asked about the status of the Transfer Station brochure. This will be discussed later in the meeting.

4. Minutes of the December 10, 2015 Transfer Station Committee Meeting: A motion was made by Ted Wooster and seconded by Ron Miller to approve the minutes from the December 10, 2015 meeting. The motion was approved with a vote of 7 – 0.

5. Report of the Chairman:

Report of MRC Board Meeting on December 16, 2015:

Bob Butler reported the following information: a backer who will provide significant funding was introduced at the MRC meeting. MRC will lease land to Fiberight and will oversee the facility and participate in profits. Gas, chips and cellulose will be produced. The Master Waste Supply Agreement requires at least 150 tons of waste in order to be viable; Fiberight is hoping for more. MRC needs to know from the participating towns by May or June whether or not they intend to sign a contract with Fiberight and how much tonnage each town can provide.

Regarding recyclables, Fiberight will permit single stream and will charge \$35 per ton plus hauling costs. They will charge for single stream recyclables because they will have to separate them; they also will charge \$35 per ton even if we do our own separating. Fiberight will charge \$70 per ton for MSW. Regarding the funds being held, if towns don't join, their shares will be returned to them. There was discussion of the use of the Norridgewock landfill. There are several alternatives for funding the landfill in the event that we need to utilize it. Ron Miller asked how Fiberight proposes to make up for shortfalls of tonnage by towns. John Daigle noted that we might want to hire someone to analyze the Fiberight and PERC contracts. Bob Butler noted that the analysis of differences already has been completed and that Greg Louder can answer any questions. Ron Miller stated that he would encourage John Daigle to bring the question about the analysis of contracts before the Waldoboro Select Board.

Confirm Three Select Boards to Meet with MRC Executive Director, Greg Louder:

This meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, January 19 at 6:00 PM and all members of the three town Select Boards are asked to attend. Bob suggested that attendees bring written questions for Greg Louder.

Discuss Draft Changes to Attachments A and B:

Bob Butler noted that the changes to Attachments A and B pertain to setting fees based on weights. Ron Miller noted that he has gotten feedback from Selectmen regarding changes to Attachments A and B. There are concerns about some of the changes, particularly in Attachment B. John Higgins stated that the changes to Attachments A and B were sent to the Select Board without the members of the Transfer Station Committee voting on them. Ted Wooster suggested that the Committee members vote to accept the changes as written. John Meyn made a motion to accept the changes to Attachments A and B of the Waldoboro Solid Waste Disposal and Required Recycling Ordinance as written. Martha Marchut seconded the motion. In the discussion that followed, Randy Robbins asked John Daigle if he'd found anything to say that 30% by volume translates into 18% by weight and John Daigle responded that he

thinks 30% by volume translates to 22% by weight. John Higgins suggested holding off on voting until all changes have been made. Ron Miller stated that the level of detail in Attachment B makes the ordinance overly long without good reason. John Meyn stated his opinion that we need to go with what John Daigle wants since he's most impacted. John Daigle noted that we haven't been charging the haulers even though we're charging everyone else. He noted that he needs to get this done so he can move on to other charges and that he needs this level of detail to help him maintain his credibility. Ron Miller stated that he does not agree with the language that states that everyone will be charged by weight. Language also is a problem in that reference to "bags" enflames people, whereas the word "volume" does not. John Meyn moved the question to approve the changes in Attachments A and B as disseminated and marked in red. The motion passed 6-1 with Ron Miller opposing.

6. Director of Public Works: John Daigle passed out information on waste sent to PERC from 2012 to 2015 and noted that there is not 2015 data from Lincoln County Recycling. He reported that DEP is talking about requiring storing and trucking sheetrock, rather than burying it. This will require building an area for storage. We will need a couple of containers and will need to take OSHA requirements into account. Commercial Paving might be an option for disposal of sheetrock although they will only take unpainted sheetrock. Abden Simmons raised the question about a better plan for disposal of mattresses. This will be put on the February agenda. In response to a question from Randy Robbins about the man-hours required for handling recycling, there was a discussion of the cost of recycling versus single stream. According to John Daigle, with single stream, we'd need to purchase another compactor at a cost of around \$40,000. The number of man-hours would not change since we still would need two men. In response to a question from Abden Simmons, there was a discussion about hauling our own trash. According to John Daigle, we're not hauling enough to make it worthwhile. Ron Miller noted that to be cost-effective, owners should use their trucks 8 hours a day, six days a week.
7. Transfer Station Brochure: The Town of Waldoboro received bids from a printer used by Alan Magee and from Lincoln County Publishing with Lincoln County Publishing coming in with the lower bid. Ron Miller made a motion to move forward with the Transfer Station Brochure (created by Alan Magee). John Meyn seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0 with the stated understanding that the specific charges noted in the brochure could be changed as needed to accurately reflect current information.
8. Discuss Simplifying the Waldoboro Solid Waste Disposal and Required Recycling Ordinance: Ron Miller reported that he and some other members of the Waldoboro Select Board are concerned about the level of detail in the Ordinance, stating that some find it confusing. He requested that the Transfer Station Committee recommend to the Waldoboro Select Board that someone who is not on the Committee and who is not from the Town of Waldoboro re-write the Ordinance. In the discussion that followed, John Meyn agreed that the Ordinance needs an outside look and Seth Hall asked whether a summary of the Ordinance could be added so the Ordinance could be left as it is. John Daigle noted that the Ordinance has been helpful, even though it's long. Martha Marchut made a motion that the Transfer Station Committee recommend to the

Waldoboro Select Board to find a independent party to review the Waldoboro Solid Waste Disposal and Required Recycling Ordinance and provide a more concise version without changing its legal import so it can be more user friendly. Ron Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0. Ron Miller asked that Committee members bring suggestions regarding who might review and rewrite the Ordinance to the next Transfer Station Committee meeting.

9. Discuss Agenda for February Meeting: The next meeting will be Thursday, February 11, 2016 at 6:00. To be included in the agenda: 1. Storage of mattresses; 2. Town contracts with MRC; 3. Candidates to review/rewrite the Waldoboro Solid Waste and Required Recycling Ordinance.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ted Wooster and seconded by Ron Miller. The motion was approved with a vote of 7 – 0 and the meeting adjourned at 9:17 PM.

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