

Town of Waldoboro Maine

Transfer Station Committee Meeting Minutes

Municipal Building – 1600 Atlantic Hwy.

Thursday, March 10, 2016 – 6:00 to 8:00 PM

1. Sign in and call to order: Ron Miller called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM on Thursday, March 10, 2016.
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:

Ron Miller, Waldoboro Select Board
Davin Robinson, Friendship resident
Randy Robbins, Cushing resident
Liz Dinsmore, Friendship Select Board
Wayne Luce, Hauler Representative
Martha Marchut, Cushing Select Board

Also present:

John Daigle, Waldoboro Public Works Director
John Higgins, Waldoboro resident
Monika Magee, Cushing resident
Jann Minzy, Waldoboro Select Board
John Spear
Seth Hall, Waldoboro resident
Alan Magee, Cushing resident

3. Introduction of John Spear to discuss changes to Waldoboro Solid Waste and Required Recycling Ordinance to make it more user-friendly and more readable: John Spear reported that he has agreed to rewrite the Waldoboro Solid Waste and Required Recycling Ordinance including Attachments A and B. He is looking for comments and/or suggestions from the members of the Transfer Station Committee. Ron Miller suggested that definitions be lumped together, possibly in attachment form. He also questioned whether there are elements that duplicate Town policy

or State law. He also suggested that information be added to make it clear where something is in another part of the ordinance is being referenced. John Daigle noted that some things are overdefined and could be abbreviated. Seth Hall asked whether Pay as You Throw would impact the Ordinance and it was noted that this does not fall under John Spear's domain but may be addressed in another venue if Pay as You Throw is pursued. John Higgins noted that the sections pertaining to the haulers have too much detail and are repetitive and that use of bullet points might be helpful. John Spear stated that some of the material is hard to understand and can be misinterpreted. Monika Magee noted that two attorneys had signed off on the document. John Daigle responded that the attorneys had commented that it was lengthy. Seth Hall noted that there's only a limited amount of pruning that can be done before you start "cutting to the bone". John Spear indicated that he will try to come in with a draft at the May Transfer Station Committee meeting. Finally, John Spear made it clear that the document could not be completed by the June meeting and noted that it probably would be on the November agenda. He also indicated that he would check with Bob Butler regarding suggestions made by the Committee.

4. Information Sharing: Committee Members, Haulers, and Director of Public Works: Wayne Luce noted that he has received no concerns or complaints from the haulers. John Higgins stated that he has received a report from Lincoln County Recycling and that the recycling rate is higher than it was. He also stated his view that we still don't have enough data to know what the scales are going to generate in revenues. John Daigle passed out information based on weight and volume showing what the haulers' costs would have been if they had been charged. He noted that several haulers are not recycling adequately. One hauler has not been recycling at all and will be billed starting in March if this does not change. The haulers have been informed about this change. One hauler no longer uses the Waldoboro Transfer Station; this nets out to a drop of 400 tons of MSW. Also, more people are recycling. As a result, the budget has dropped.
5. Minutes of the February 11, 2016 Transfer Station Committee Meeting: A motion was made by Randy Robbins and seconded by Wayne Luce to approve the minutes from the February 11, 2016 meeting. The motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0 with Davin Robinson abstaining.
6. Report of the Chairman: In Bob Butler's absence, Ron Miller reported that Bangor and Trenton are going with MRC/Fiberight. The Engineering Report should be complete by next Wednesday and will be sent to Bob Butler for distribution. Waldoboro is looking at several alternatives, including Fiberight, PERC, and Eco Maine. It was noted that the engineers have expressed concern regarding the disposal of heavy metals. Seth Hall noted that we need a model that compares various options including the cost of late sign-up. According to John Daigle, the decision needs to be made by April 1 if it's to go on the June warrant. According to John Daigle, it costs \$20.40 per ton to have our recycling sent to Lincoln County Recycling; the more we recycle, the lower the cost will be. He indicated that Waldoboro also would have to pay the County tax even if we didn't utilize Lincoln County Recycling. In response to Seth Hall's question about what can be done to increase recycling, Martha Marchut suggested that we make a note in the minutes to add this to a future meeting agenda. John Daigle noted that a number of

recycling categories have been added and that recycling is up 100 tons from last year. Also, much of the MSW weight is in potentially compostable materials. The Transfer Station has sold 220 bags of compost since the composting program began. It's important to find ways to make it easier for residents to participate. However, haulers would need to deal with sanitation regulations if they wanted to get involved with organics. In response to a comment from Randy Robbins about Camden/Rockport reportedly only recycling #2 plastics, John Daigle indicated that Lincoln County Recycling cannot take plastics from computer keyboards; other than that, nothing has been mentioned. Wayne Luce stated that he rebuilt a truck four or five years ago to incorporate recycling bins; now he's making them larger to accommodate more recycling. He noted that recycling is good financial business for haulers.

7. Director of Public Works: John Daigle passed out the newly created Composting Brochure. Ron Miller thanked Abden Simmons for getting information from Lincoln County Recycling. It was noted that the new budget reflects that part of the undesignated funds have been put back in the Transfer Station. The Waldoboro Select Board will review the budget on March 22 or March 24 and on March 29. We will use some funds to cover money previously borrowed.
8. Discuss Agenda for Additional March Meeting: The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 23, 2016 at 6:00. The agenda will include the MRC/Fiberight recommendation, the Engineering Report, and the Unit-based Pricing System.
9. A motion to adjourn was made by Liz Dinsmore and seconded by Randy Robbins. The motion was approved with a vote of 6 – 0 and the meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

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