

Town of Waldoboro Maine

Transfer Station Committee Meeting Minutes

Municipal Building – 1600 Atlantic Hwy.

Thursday, July 14, 2016 – 6:00 to 8:00 PM

1. Sign in and call to order: Bob Butler called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM on Thursday, July 14, 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:

Bob Butler, Waldoboro Select Board

Ted Wooster, Waldoboro resident

John Meyn, Friendship resident

Randy Robbins, Cushing resident

Martha Marchut, Cushing Select Board

Also present:

John Daigle, Waldoboro Public Works Director

John Higgins, Waldoboro resident

Monika Magee, Cushing resident

Alan Magee, Cushing resident

3. Election of Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary: Ted Wooster made a motion to elect Bob Butler as Chairman. John Meyn seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5 to 0. Ted Wooster made a motion to elect John Meyn as Vice Chairman. Randy Robbins seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5 to 0. John Meyn made a motion to elect Martha Marchut as Secretary. Ted Wooster seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5 to 0.
4. Information Sharing: Committee Members, Haulers, and Director of Public Works: There were no questions from the haulers. Bob Butler reported that the bins from the Epilepsy Foundation have arrived. He reviewed in detail the items, which are accepted. John Daigle noted that it is his understanding that any type of fabric is accepted, regardless of condition. He also provided a sample pamphlet. John Daigle gave out information on the solid waste contracts for each of the three member towns. John Daigle also reviewed recycling statistics for the month of June as

follows: In all, 50 tons or two and one half trailer loads of recycling were received. The haulers were charged a total of \$996.75 in recycling fees for the month of June. Per his report, a couple of haulers who are getting charged are complaining; others say they'll work with their customers to improve recycling rates. There was a discussion of how the haulers are doing and the amount of time they've had in which to prepare for the new protocol. John explained that the 50% State requirement includes batteries, paint and ewaste. Bob Butler noted that some of the recycling numbers are low and commented that Moody's Diner is a good example of a place that could save money by recycling and composting. Bob Butler and Ted Wooster agreed to approach Moody's Diner about this. John Daigle provided copies of materials reports generated through the newly operational computer program. The \$996.75 generated from the haulers will be used to pay tipping fees. According to John, the Transfer Station now has an avenue for disposal of almost everything; he noted that wood chips and paint have been inspected and approved for sale as fuel to be burned. In response to a question from John Higgins, John Daigle pointed out a part of the report that details 23 individuals who are being charged for not recycling. Bob Butler brought up the question of an initiative to increase recycling, possibly via Pay as You Throw. It was noted that one hauler has increased his recycling and gained a lot of customers since he started collecting material for composting. In response to a question from John Meyn about MRC, it was noted that a number of towns have had their deadlines extended. John Daigle questioned whether some towns might be underestimating the amount of trash they can commit to. It was suggested that if necessary, Fiberight might need to build a smaller plant. Fiberight reportedly is still awaiting licensing by the Department of Environmental Protection. John Meyn volunteered to attend all upcoming MRC meetings on behalf of the Transfer Station and agreed to inform Bob Butler about any meeting that he is unable to attend. In response to a question about our current relationship with PERC, John Daigle stated that they still are accepting our waste.

5. Discussion of the Minutes of the June 9, 2016 Transfer Station Committee Meeting: John Meyn made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2016 meeting. Ted Wooster seconded the motion. Following a brief discussion, the minutes were approved with a vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstaining.
6. Discussion with Director of Public Works Department about New and Current Initiatives: This was previously covered under Section 4 of the agenda.
7. Review of Request Received to Re-do Transfer Station Operating Hours (Could the Transfer Station open one weekday until 6:00 PM in the summer, thus giving people who work a chance to use it on a weekday?): According to John Daigle, negotiations for the upcoming three-year contract have been completed and the contracts have just been signed. In the process, other Transfer Stations that follow a 40-hour schedule were reviewed. He agreed to keep this request under consideration for the next contract review in three years.
8. Goals for Fiscal Year 2016-2017: The following areas were identified as goals for the upcoming fiscal year:

- a. Ordinance rewrite
- b. New survey
- c. Recycled items
- d. Dual/single stream
- e. Pay as You Throw
- f. Rewrite of Municipal Services Agreement

Bob Butler indicated that he would get together with Alan and Monika Magee to update the Pay as You Throw Report that was completed earlier in the year. He will then present it to the Waldoboro Select Board and request that they consider putting it on the November 2016 Warrant.

- 9. Discussion of Agenda for August 11, 2016 Meeting: The next meeting will be Thursday, August 11, 2016 at 6:00.
- 10. A motion to adjourn was made by John Meyn and seconded by Ted Wooster. The motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0. The meeting adjourned at 7:29 PM.

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