

Town of Waldoboro Maine

Transfer Station Committee Meeting Minutes

Municipal Building – 1600 Atlantic Hwy.

Thursday, August 11, 2016 – 6:00 to 8:00 PM

1. Sign in and call to order: Bob Butler called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM on Thursday, August 11, 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

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

Alan Magee, Cushing resident

Davin Robinson, Friendship resident

3. Information Sharing and Public Comments: Committee Members, Haulers, and Director of Public Works and all others for items not on the agenda: In response to a question from Wayne Luce, John Daigle and Bob Butler explained that recyclables are expressed as a percent of the total trash, including recyclables. There was additional discussion of the pros and cons of this method of calculation. In addition, the importance of

consistency in weighing protocols was stressed. In response to another question from Wayne Luce, John Daigle explained that it is necessary for the haulers to pay their invoices at the office rather than at the Transfer Station in order to maintain control. John Higgins requested a report on the amount of money taken in since January 1, 2016. John Daigle responded that this information is posted in a book that's accessible to the public. John Daigle also reported that the amount of trash taken in has decreased by 1,000 tons since getting the scales.

4. Discussion of the Minutes of the July 14, 2016 Transfer Station Committee Meeting: John Meyn made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2016 meeting. Ted Wooster seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposed and 2 abstaining.
5. Discussion of a Possible Swap Shop (Section 2.6 of the Solid Waste and Required Recycling Ordinance): Bob Butler noted that if Pay as You Throw passes, a swap shop would be a good place to put things that are not trash and not recyclable.

John Daigle noted that we would need rules and would need a dedicated building. He also asked who would be responsible for the facility, noting that someone would need to be available to accept material, among other things. Currently, there is no money in the budget for a building. Pay as you Throw could generate funds for this. He noted that a portable building could not be used for this purpose due to DEP regulations. Bob Butler indicated that someone has been suggesting an ad hoc committee to look into a swap shop. According to John Daigle, the Transfer Station should take this on. John Daigle noted that the person who manages the swap shop would get the money from the sales. He also noted that St. George runs a swap shop in this manner.

John Meyn suggested that the Transfer Station Committee could host a meeting to determine the level of interest. Bob Butler reminded the Committee that in the past, we've set up committees that included people who weren't on the transfer Station Committee. Monika Magee indicated that the Salvation Army and Good Will take big, bulky items including electronics, working or not. John Daigle indicated that if Pay as You Throw passes, that would be enough for us to manage for the time being.

6. Discussion with the Director of Public Works Department about Current and New Initiatives: John Daigle gave out information on recycling. He also provided photos of trash from one hauler that included large amounts of recyclable material. He indicated that he might need to come to the Transfer Station Committee for backing if he takes action regarding this situation. John Meyn indicated his support and suggested that John Daigle seek legal counsel regarding how to address the situation.

In response to a question from Wayne Luce about whether the hauler in question has the capacity to recycle, John Daigle indicated that he used to recycle, but has since stopped. He also indicated that help has been offered but was refused.

Wayne Luce noted that if Pay as You Throw passes, this sort of behavior would not be possible since everything that is not recycled would need to be in special bags. He also noted that the Town of Warren has the option of a cubic yard fee and that the Town of Camden has the option of a tonnage fee.

Bob Butler stressed that we need a fine or a structure of fines for not separating recyclables from trash. He noted that we have this in our ordinance and that we need to review it. We also need a mechanism for proving that the alleged problem hauler actually is the one committing the offense, indicating that a video camera is a possibility. John Daigle indicated that he will send a letter to the alleged offender and that he will purchase a video camera.

John also reported that the cost of tipping and transportation for July was approximately \$22,000.

7. Discussion of Pay as You Throw Hearing set for August 16, 2017: Bob Butler reported that he has invited a non-profit organization to come in and speak regarding why this is something the town ought to do. He also suggested that if we realize a gain as a result of adopting Pay as You Throw, we might want to save some of the funds to be available in the event of unanticipated problems connected with Fiberight/MRC.

John Higgins commented that the mil rate was raised for the purpose of accumulating funds. Funds were accumulated but the mil rate never went down.

Bob Butler presented a draft warrant to be provided to the Town of Waldoboro Select Board for approval. Ted Wooster moved that we submit the warrant to the Town of Waldoboro Select Board for approval subject to the review of John Daigle, the Waldoboro Select Board and legal counsel, if necessary. John Meyn seconded the motion. John Meyn then read the warrant article aloud to the Committee. There was a brief discussion and the motion passed 7-0. The warrant article is attached to these minutes.

8. Discussion of Agenda for September 8, 2016 Meeting: The next meeting will be Thursday, September 8, 2016 at 6:00 PM. Bob Butler requested that all members of the Transfer Station Committee attend the Town of Waldoboro Select Board meeting on August 16, 2016 and that the members of the Cushing and Friendship Select Boards be encouraged to attend as well.

9. A motion to adjourn was made by John Meyn and seconded by Ted Wooster. The motion was approved with a vote of 7 – 0. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

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Draft Pay-As-You-Throw Warrant Article
for the November 2016 Ballot

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board, with the advice, consent, and recommendation of the Waldoboro Transfer Station Committee, to establish and implement a mandatory Pay-As-You-Throw Disposal Method, as defined in the Waldoboro Solid Waste and Required Recycling Ordinance, the revenue generated from such Disposal Method to be used to reduce Waldoboro Transfer Station Budget tax support for the transportation and the tipping of garbage, such Disposal Method to take effect on or before January 31, 2017 or as soon thereafter as is practical.