



TRANSFER STATION TASK FORCE

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: September 22, 2010 – called to order at 5:30pm by Paul Basler

Committee members in attendance: Paul Basler, George Bray, Elaine Fiore, Michael Rohr, Gene Wyatt (new member)

Absent:

Others in Attendance:

Meeting Minutes: Elaine Fiore made a motion to accept the amended meetings minutes of 6/30/201, seconded by Michael Rohr. Unanimously approved with minor adjustment.

Old Business:

1. Transfer Station reconfiguration – Weston & Sampson has provided a cost of \$75,000 for the design, permitting, working with Conservation and DEP. The goal, once the contract is signed is to have the work completed in time for the Annual Town meeting in April.
2. Update on Slip Ramp, should the Transfer Station reconfiguration take into account the potential build out of a slip ramp, limiting the design - pending direction from the Selectmen after review of the 40R configuration
3. Update on land swap with the State – There is one more step in the process before the land is turned over to the Town.

New Business:

Discussion on getting recommendations from Weston & Sampson on Transfer Stations to visit. The group will schedule a few trips to see the success of other towns.

Will send a follow-up letter to the Selectmen for direction on whether or not to include a potential slip ramp in the design or not. The Task Force will recommend the Town move forward with a design excluding the slip ramp.

Discussed if the Town goes with a Pay-As-You-Throw concept, the Transfer Station's revenue source should be changed from the General fund to an Enterprise Fund

Update from Mr. Wyatt on the Recycling Committee's activities

Mr. Basler reported on the success of the new cardboard compactor at the Transfer Station. He stated from July 1st through August 31st cardboard recycling has doubled from 7.2 tons to 13.3 tons. As a result of the new cardboard container, the newspapers were moved to the larger container (freed up with the new cardboard container) enabling more to be collected and less trips for disposal. The newspaper disposal trips have been reduced from four times a month to twice a month and the cardboard disposal trips have been reduced from four times a month to once a month. This has resulted in less tonnage to SeaMass as well as a reduction in gasoline (trips eliminated).

There was discussion about the possible need of a hydraulic system for cardboard container to make compacting easier.

Update on progress of leaching fields at the Transfer Station – CDM is working through the MEPA process and the Sewer Commissioners will update the Task Force of the progress.

Next meeting: after the Selectmen notify the Task Force of any limitations on designing the Transfer Station along with a signed contract with Weston & Sampson for the work outlined above

Motion to adjourn meeting made by: Ms. Fiore **Second by:** Mr. Bray

Meeting adjourned: 6:12 pm