

Draft Transfer Station Improvement Committee (TSIC) Minutes Tuesday, November 2, 2021

Call to order: 6:02

Present: Willie Farnum, Jim Diamond, Gabrielle Watson, Ian Haskell, Kelly Goodson, Maud Anderson (alternate), Richard Doucette (alternate: remote) Ellen Farnum (secretary)

TSIC Alternate Member Maud Anderson standing in for Harold Cook

Approval of the amended minutes of September 27, 2021

Willie: Motion to approve, Kelly: second **Vote:** 4 yes, one abstention

Approval of the minutes of October 18, 2021

Gabrielle Motion to approve, Kelly: second **Vote:** 4 yes one abstention

Mission statement:

Discussion of statement

Vote postponed until next meeting. Members can continue to think of the best wording individually, and then send ideas to secretary. She will compile all the ideas and have them available for the group to review prior to the next meeting. Some of the ideas discussed are recorded below:

- *To build a facility that will provide a safe working environment to employees and to the public using the facility.*
- *To explore options to reduce material in landfills, avoid costs and return revenue to the town.*
- *To upgrade/build the Tamworth Transfer Station Facility so that it has the capacity to store and bale recyclable products;*

Letter to Surrounding Towns

TSIC sent out a letter to surrounding towns to assess interest in regional solutions for recycling. Willie has received four responses. Ossipee, Madison and Moultonborough will stay with their existing facilities, and are not interested in combining with other towns.

Sandwich has scheduled a meeting to discuss the idea further.

Effingham and Freedom have not responded: Willie will follow up with a phone call.

Grant Information

Gabrielle presented information on a 10/25 Zoom meeting with Paige Wilson from Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) and USDA Rural Development Director Misty Sinsigalli.

There are two main grants that Tamworth could apply for.

Community Facilities Grant Loan:

This grant is available to municipalities and can award up to \$50,000.

Community Disaster Grant Funds

This grant will fund up to 35% of the total project cost.

Gabrielle noted that if the town applies for the whole project, they will get more funds than if the town decides to just phase in part of the project.

~Both grants have a December 15 deadline and allow a full year for design of the project.

~Plans would need an environmental review due to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). More info is needed to determine how much this review would cost.

Misty offered to have someone from her agency look at the proposed Tamworth project to help estimate the cost for the review. Misty is also willing to come to talk to the Tamworth SelectBoard.

Action:

TSIC will move forward with researching the grants and filling in applications for the Tamworth SelectBoard.

Kelly Motion, Gabrielle second **Vote:** unanimous

~Jim and Gabrielle will set a meeting time, and Ellen will notice the meeting to the public and to other TSIC members.

~Gabrielle and Jim will report back to the group at the November 15th (first on agenda due to conflict with Jim)

~Report to the SelectBoard hopefully on December 2nd.

Single Stream Recycling:

Ian will continue to gather information from surrounding towns regarding single stream recycling. He will also contact Paige Wilson from LRPC.

Report Outline:

Willie discussed producing a report/spread sheet/graphic to show to the public and the Selectboard. Ideally, the paper would list and compare various plans for the transfer station. All plans would include the proposed bathroom, septic and water system.

Plan 1. End recycling: all material in MSW

Plan 2. No change to the existing transfer station.

Plan 3. Single stream

Plan 4. Renovate the facility so that recycling and baling could occur.

Plan 5. Regionalization

Discussion of how to effectively present material.

New Business:

TSIC would like to hear from successful recycling programs in our area.

Willie will contact the supervisor of the Tuftonboro Transfer Station, and the Gilford Transfer Station to see if they have recycling cost analysis reports that could be shared.

~Maud also suggested watching the video about the Walpole Recycling Center (further info below.)

~NRRA is offering a program: Recycling in NH: State of Recycling Markets on November 10th from 9:00 to 10:30. The Zoom online registration seems to be full, but Maud will call NRRA directly and try to register.

To Do:

Gabrielle:

Continue to work on grant applications

Jim:

Continue to work on grant applications

Willie:

Meet with Sandwich SelectBoard about regionalization

Contact Freedom and Effingham about regional recycling,

Contact Tuftonboro and Gilford Transfer Stations

Contact Gabrielle and discuss format for comparative report

Agenda: Report from Jim and Gabrielle first

Ian: Contact Paige Wilson LRPC and neighboring towns for list and info on single stream recycling

Maud: register for NRRA event: if possible, let Ellen know. She will share info.

Ellen: Compile Mission statement ideas

Provide contact info for Tuftonboro and Gilford transfer stations

Share info on NRRA conference

TSIC Group:

Review Mission Statement: send changes/suggestions to Ellen

Review Ossipee Report (separate attachment: email)

Review Walpole facility. (Maud's comments and the links below.)

For a striking contrast to single-stream recycling, here's an article (with excellent video) from the latest edition of NRRA's "Full of Scrap" newsletter about Walpole NH's recycling program.

<https://www.nrrarecycles.org/news/walpoles-facility-tour-september-mom-meeting>

Walpole is a bit bigger than Tamworth (and a much wealthier town). but it might be helpful to take a field trip to see their program in action, or at least contact their recycling manager Ben Hoy with questions. Looks like they are producing bales of very clean, high quality recyclables - and limiting recycling of plastic to those types (PET and HDPE) that give a return. I wonder, though, about their hauling costs. The company they ship their plastic to (tabb packaging) is in Michigan! It sounds like an interesting company that's trying to do environmentally sound plastics recycling - but that's quite a haul. Here's the plastics info from the company's website:

<https://tabbpackaging.com/post-consumer-recycled-resin/>