

**Draft Transfer Station Improvement Committee Minutes
February 21st, 2022, 6:00 pm Cook Memorial Library**

6:07 pm **Call to order**

Present: Willie Farnum, Ian Haskell, Maud Anderson, Kelly Goodson, Gabrielle Watson (remote,) Sue Stowbridge (Remote)

Approval of Minutes from February 1st

Motion to approve: Willie F. Second: Kelly G.

Vote: Unanimous

Feb. 8th

Amend minutes to correct an error: Recommendations from the Public, add a comma instead of period so amount reads \$200,000 instead of 200.00.

Motion to approve: Willie F., Second: Kelly G.

Vote: Unanimous

Questions and Recommendations from the public from the Feb 8th Informational Meeting:

1. Include a Credit Card Reader under office equipment. (Recommendation from public)

This would do away with the need for cash. Estimated cost: \$100.00

2. Concerns were raised at the Public Meeting that the relationship between Article #9 and Article #12 are confusing.

If Article #9 (stating that \$200,000 be added to the Capital Reserve for improvements to the transfer station) PASSES, Article #12 will be amended DOWN \$200,000.

~TSIC Members will have an opportunity on February 23rd at the Zoom Library presentation to explain the Capital reserve money and its relationship to the warrant article.

~TSIC members will try to get permission for an information booth at the Tamworth Farmer's Market and outside the school on the day of voting to talk to people about the project and warrant articles.

3. Question from the public on how long it would take to bale products, how much energy it would take, how much employee time and how many bales a week in Tamworth:

~ estimate: 30 minutes to make a bale.

~Additional cost in energy would be less than \$600.00 a year.

~ Currently, transfer station staff spend 12 hours a week stacking cardboard. Having baling equipment should REDUCE staff time, as the baler is more efficient.

~Tamworth currently could bale 1.4 bales of cardboard a week (based on the current overall 2020 tonnage.) if we upgrade the Tamworth facility, we would also be able to bale plastic and aluminum, paper, tin cans

Willie will try to figure out the total volume of recycled goods, and factor in the employee time).

4. What incentives for recycling will be offered?

It is difficult to discuss incentives now: if the facility is built and the town has options for handling more commodities, this would be an important next step.

Face to Face Feb 23rd

~History of transfer station: TRP members Kelly, Maud, Barb Bloomberg and Ellen will consult and be ready to talk briefly.

~Gabrielle and Willie will meet and go over which slides to use. They hope to have time to talk informally, share the plan and answer questions.
(Additional talking points listed under publicity)

Publicity for Town Meeting (March 9th) Talking points:

~ Transfer station improvements are long overdue,
~Tamworth will finish paying off our Landfill Bond this year. (Note: Tamworth has been paying \$73,000 a year for the past 20 years.)
~Members of TSIC (Willie, Maud, Kelly and Ellen) have visited at least 6 other transfer stations to gather information on best recycling practices
~Vote is early in the early part of Town Meeting (Articles #9 and #12).

Discussion:

~There is a lot of work that will need to be done if the town approves the money for the transfer station. Designs are flexible now, but the design will need to be refined. Asking NRRRA for advice would be wise.
~Check with NRRRA SWAT team. As we go into the design process, NRRRA can guide us as to making the right sized facility. This request needs to be made by the SelectBoard and Transfer Station Supervisor.
~Data/recycling rates from other towns:

From 2020 Wolfeboro Town Report. "The Solid Waste and Recycling Facility handled a total of 4,772 tons of material. The Town recycled 1,552 tons of materials including recycle income of \$62,570 and a cost avoidance of \$148,780. Thanks to our users for doing their part in global efforts to preserve natural resources. Congratulations to our residents who take their time to reduce, reuse and recycle, making our community more sustainable and saving taxpayer's money. (From David W. Ford, Director of Dept. of Public Works). **33% recycling rate**
TSIC members will find out the volume of recyclables produced by other towns and find out how many people they have employed to run that aspect of the recycling program.

Maud will call Walpole facility. Willie will call Brian Patnoe, in Littleton, and Meghan in Gilford.

~Willie contacted Pete Lachapelle at Waste Management. Mr. Lachapelle suspects that a disposal contract today would be about \$85 a ton for MSW. (Our current contract, that expires in 2024, costs \$75: in the final year of the contract, the cost will be \$81.12 a ton). Waste Management Facility is licensed until 2035.

~DES cannot issue more permits for new landfills until it updates the state's solid waste plan; therefore, it is likely that it will be 2030 before more landfills are available.

Ways to advertise TSIC's recommendation:

~Advertise on Exchange, community networking and phone calls.
~Maud and Ellen will develop a brief sample letter/email or card on TSIC's work with a graphic.
~Informational booth: Farmer's Market and on Voting Day
~Kelly made the request for a masked seating area for Town Meeting: Kelly will ask Chris Canfield.

Update: Potential Grants:

No word on the grants already submitted.

Gabrielle received some tips on where to get more funding. Usually, if one grant comes through, other grants come forward.

Maud sent along a description of our project to the NH Charitable Foundation

Willie has talked to Benoit Lamontagne from Northern Borders. Lamontagne felt that DES has funding available. Willie will contact again.

Willie will check with Andrea from the USDA Grant. Willie will send copy of the minutes from Feb 8th and also the Powerpoint to the USDA.

Preparing for TSIC Final Report:

TSIC will revisit this agenda item after March 9th.

To Do:

Willie:

~Permission for a booth at the Farmer's Market,

~figure out the total volume of recycled goods, and factor in the employee time for Tamworth, figure out the total volume of recycled goods, and factor in the employee time in Gilford and Littleton

Face to Face planning (with Gabrielle)

~Forward minutes from Publicity Meeting to USDA contact

Gabrielle:

~Face to Face planning (with Willie)

Kelly:

~Contact Chris Canfield (moderator) about providing a mask area in the Brett School Gym for Town Meeting

~Help plan TRP portion of Face to Face

Maud:

~figure out the total volume of recycled goods, and factor in the employee time for Walpole Transfer Station (with Willie)

~Help plan TRP portion of Face to Face

~Work with Ellen to develop a Template for supporting the Warrant Article (email with graphic and card)

Ellen:

~Write to Tamworth Exchange to advertise Face to Face,

~Contact Barb about Face to Face,

~Work with Maud to develop a Template for supporting the Warrant Article (email with graphic and card)

Next meeting: March 1st

Adjourned: 7:37

Minutes E. Farnum