

**Transfer Station Improvement Committee,
January 31, 2023, 6 pm Cook Library**

Call to order: 6:02

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

Review EPA Grant Application:

TSIC members reviewed new financial cost estimates needed for the EPA grant application. The estimates were submitted by the engineers Sanborn, Head & Associates and show a dramatic increase in overall project cost. (Original estimate: 1,400,000. The new estimated project cost 4,114,625.)

Discussion: TSIC members discussed the reasons for the cost increases, which items were essential, and ways to scale back the plan if funding is not secured. If the grant is not awarded, TSIC will be ready to revise the project to make it affordable for Tamworth.

~ TSIC members reviewed funds currently available for the transfer station improvements:

USDA Grant money, Donation from the Tamworth Foundation, Capitol Reserve, ARPA money and money the town has committed.

~ Richard will double check the status of the ARPA Funds.

~**TSIC will recommend that the Select Board use the new figures and apply for the EPA grant.**

~ Timeline discussion: the grant must be submitted by February 15th. TSIC will send the grant application to the Tamworth Select Board on February 1st..

Additional Grant Funding:

TSIC members will continue to search for other sources of grant funding. Several members have signed up for the Virtual Grants and Federal Resources Workshop on February 2nd to learn about other available grants.

Congressman Pappas to visit Tamworth Transfer Station

Willie was contacted by a USDA Representative, Kevin Lambert, to set up a time for Congressman Pappas and other officials to visit the Tamworth Transfer Station. This visit will occur on Feb. 23rd in the morning.

To Do:

All Members:

If possible, attend Select board meeting Feb 2, 2023, to review the EPA grant application with the Select board

Gabrielle:

Send PDF of narrative and Budget to Willie and the Tamworth Select Board

Willie:

Work on 424A form and submit to Select Board

Send completed EPA Grant application to Tamworth Foundation

Richard:

Check on ARPA money

Maud:

Work with town administrator to fill out forms for grant application

Adjourned 7:10

Minutes E. Farnum

