

Transfer Station Improvement Committee Minutes October 18th, 2021

Call to order: 6:09 (technical difficulties)

Present: Gabrielle Watson, Willie Farnum, Maud Anderson, Kelly Goodson,

* Ian Haskins *Ellen Farnum

Members of the Public: TJ Eldridge Ossipee Public Works,

*Linda Cook, * Johnathan Smith Ossipee SelectBoard Member, *Linda Eldridge

**Remote Participants*

~**TSIC appointed TSIC Alternate Maud Anderson** to stand in for Jim Diamond, who could not be present.

Approval of Minutes 9/27/21

Gabrielle suggested the following changes be added to the Timeline portion of the minutes (red). Willie proposed the (blue) change.

TSIC developed preliminary goals for the 2022 Tamworth Town Meeting:

- Ensure that safety issues at the transfer station are addressed in the first year using the ARPA funds.
 - Create a safe working environment for employees.
 - Describe the total project and estimated cost to citizens: \$1.2 - \$1.5 million. Discuss options for phasing the project over time.
 - Explain that financing via bond is very costly to the community
 - Explain that some bonds are being paid off in 202X and 202Y, thus enabling the town to take on new investments to save long-term costs to the town.
The landfill closer bond (\$57,000) will be paid off in 2023, and the School Bond (\$174,092) in 2022. The last year payment is (\$84,049).
 - Describe the steps taken to pursue regionalized recycling with neighboring towns.
 - Describe steps to secure grant funding.
 - Show cost savings through deferred cost and have information on potential income gained through recycling. Present analysis on "buy back" period for investment.
 - Demonstrate flexibility of the building plan to be modified and changed based on pricing, commodities and other Tamworth needs.
 - Explain how features such as scales would promote fair pricing to residents.
 - Request that \$200,000 be placed in the Capital Reserve for future transfer station renovations. This sum would be added to the sum of \$100,000 previously placed in the Capital Reserve in 2021.
- The group discussed phase 2 of the project, and ways to fund the project. Options include:
- Ask voters to place a sum of money each year into the capital reserve fund each year.
 - Ask voters for a multiyear appropriation (the voters would appropriate a sum of money for the current year, and for the subsequent 2 years. This would require a 2/3 vote).
 - Consider placing the truck scale later in the project; perhaps in 2026. Until then a less expensive pallet scale could be used.

Report on information submitted to BOS:

Willie attended the 9/30 Tamworth SelectBoard Meeting.

~ He voiced TSIC's support for installing septic and a bathroom at the transfer station using ARAP funds. He also reported on some of TSIC's work.

~Kelly reported that Mark McConkey had been hired to do the test pits for the sewer system. Mark asked for the plans for the proposed renovation and coordinated his test pits with the plans.

Ossipee Report to Tamworth SelectBoard on 10/7/21

<https://governmentoversite.com/selectmen/tamworth>

TJ Eldridge, an Ossipee Public Works Director, and a Tamworth resident, presented information and cost analysis of the Ossipee Recycling Program:

~In the last 3 years the crash of the Chinese markets has reduced the sale of recyclable commodities,

~Covid has impacted recycling and increased amounts of cardboard. At the same time, the value of cardboard has decreased.

~product value of recyclable commodities is lowered due to contamination and moisture.

~purchasing and maintaining equipment needed to recycle is expensive.

~Ossipee has 3 full time employees; baling products occupies two employees, employees are also needed to closely monitor recycling.

~hauling fees are very high,

~Ossipee is finding recycling expensive and believes there is a cost savings for the town when recyclables are simply placed in the MSW.

Discussion and further questions for study:

~There is a difference in size of towns and amounts of waste being managed: more detailed analysis of information will be helpful (such as deferred costs and percentage of people recycling).

~number of employees in Tamworth: could our current employees oversee increased recycling?

~Tamworth's glass recycling has saved money: (Ossipee does not recycle glass)

~building/storage area for recycled commodities vs using trailers, (would a building help keep products clean?)

~Composting and cost savings

~How to increase participation in recycling: Recycling in Ossipee is mandatory but is not enforced. Discussion of incentives for recycling

~TJ stated that scales are essential.

Letter to surrounding towns:

TSIC sent out letters to surrounding towns to discover the interest in regionalizing recycling.

Willie reported that he has heard back from several towns.

~Moultonborough Transfer Station Supervisor Ken Filpula from Moultonborough feels that the distance is would probably make regionalization difficult, but the town is interested in sharing ideas.

~TJ Eldridge, Public Works Director from Ossipee does not believe regionalization would be feasible.

~ Sandwich SelectBoard has invited TSIC to present information/ideas at their meeting in November.

Grant Information:

Gabrielle has contacted Paige Wilson from Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) to inquire about grants. Gabrielle and Jim will meet with Paige next week.

~ Discussion of the template Gabrielle developed for use in grant writing: At times grant opportunities arise on short notice. It would be helpful for members to consult TSIC's existing template to get information instead of starting from 'scratch' each time. What adjustments could be made to make this document more useful?

See attachment in email for review (Tamworth Waste Management and Cost Reduction Plan- Tamworth transfer Station Grant Proposal Prototype)

Clarify TSIC's Objective:

Gabrielle presented a revised objective:

- To build a facility that will provide a safe working environment to employees and to the public using the facility,
- To build/upgrade the Tamworth Transfer Station Facility so that it has the capacity to efficiently process recyclable products; thus reducing material in landfills, and returning revenue to the town.

Single Stream Recycling:

Single Stream Recycling is one possible option for Tamworth. There are pros and cons associated for Single Stream Recycling. Maud provided a link (below) with information. Ian discussed the need to reach out to other towns to find out how the Single Stream Recycling programs have been working.

<https://www.nhmunicipal.org/town-city-article/state-recycling-markets-new-hampshire>

To Do:

~Review proposed changes to minutes from 9/27 and be ready to revise/approve for next meeting

Review these minutes and be ready to revise/approve for next meeting.

~Review TJ Eldridge full report if you could not attend meeting. (will be sent shortly!)

~Review information on Single Stream Recycling for further discussion

~ Review proposed changes to mission statement and be ready to revise/approve for next meeting.

~Review *Tamworth Waste Management and Cost Reduction Plan- Tamworth transfer Station Grant Proposal Prototype*) attachment via email

7:36 Meeting adjourned

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