

## Draft minutes of the Transfer Station and Recycling Committee February 23, 2022

In attendance: Bob Lenzi, Joe Clark, Erin Paradise, Alternate Dannen Mannschrek from the Select Board, Peter Royce. Attending electronically: Doug Winter

Guests: Pat Mead and Lenny Kerekes attending in person; Margery Shepard, John Wallace attending remotely. Ken Grant attended part of the meeting.

Erin called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm. On the agenda were discussion about 4 new applicants, the metal container, the possibility of promoting composting, and an update on a mandatory recycling ordinance.

The committee has received four applicants for the two available positions. The four applicants will be reviewed and recommendations sent to the Select Board for approval. It was decided that the applicants who would not become full members be asked to become alternates.

Since we were asked to recommend only one vendor for metal recycling, the members of the committee unanimously opted to recommend Harding metals. The principal criterion was the price of scrap would have to drop to a recent all-time low before there would be no revenue. In addition, it was noted that a contract would not be necessary as NRRA already uses Harding as a vendor. Erin reported the 40 yard container would be in an area that allows easy crushing with the backhoe.

The promotion of at home composting was then discussed. There are several options for a workshop, but the committee favored using UNH Extension as the presenter. Doug recommended a video be made to make the presentation available to more citizens.

Minutes of the last meeting on February 7, 2022 were approved as written with the exception of Doug presented new information and disputed the statement that using Mr. Fox would be much more expensive. Since the committee had already agreed to promote at-home composting, it was decided to review that statement at the next meeting.

Peter presented charts that depicted a 5-year trend for costs and revenues of the Transfer Station (A copy attached). Peter's conclusion was that the changes made in user fees had a positive impact in bulky waste expense, and lower expenses in recycling reflect an improved market.

Peter researched the mandatory recycling ordinance that was passed by Town Meeting in 1993. He found no evidence that it had ever been repealed.

Topics for the next meeting include recommendations regarding the transfer station layout and recommendations for the full time and alternate membership.

Meeting adjourned at 3.24 pm

Respectfully submitted

Peter Royce