

Draft minutes of the Transfer Station and Recycling Committee February 7, 2022

In attendance: Bob Lenzi, Joe Clark, Erin Paradise, Peter Royce. Attending electronically: Doug Winter

Guest: Dannen Mannschrek from the Select Board

Erin called the meeting to order at 2:03 pm. On the agenda were the metal container, the possibility of starting composting, and new members of the committee.

The options on metal are as follows:

- 1, Stay with Ponderosa with no contract and no charges, but also no revenue
2. Sign a contract with Ponderosa that charges for hauling and fuel, but pays for material
3. Sign a contract with Schnitzer that charges for hauling and fuel that pays for material collected
4. Sign a contract with Harding. Details of that contract are unknown at this time. The Town would pay for hauling and get revenue.

Considerable discussion on the pros and cons of each followed. Briefly summarized , it is unknown how long Ponderosa might continue with the status quo (no charges and no revenue). Questions with Harding were how timely they could pick up a full container and the height of their container. It was decided to present to the Select Board the Ponderosa offer #1 and the Harding offer #4 (with reservations about what a contract might entail).

The possibility of composting was then discussed. It was pointed out that the cost was very expensive compared to MSW. Although not unanimous, it was decided to do educational outreach and try to encourage citizens to compost at home. Some of that encouragement could be providing or subsidizing home composting materials.

Erin announced that John Wallace and Marjorie Shepard had submitted their names for membership to the committee. It was decided to wait to determine if anyone else had interest. John and Marjorie will to be invited to the next Committee meeting, which could be done electronically.

Minutes of the last meeting on December 20, 2021 were approved as written.

Topics for the next meeting include the transfer station price structure and the mandatory recycling ordinance.

Meeting adjourned at 4:08 pm

Respectfully submitted

Peter Royce