

## Waste Disposal Commission Meeting Minutes for 8-12-2008

- Members present: Becky Moul, Sara Cox, Paul Ellis, Scott Carbee and Cathy Gombas
- Residents in attendance: Chris Danforth and Johanna Moul

Meeting began at 7:05

The first order of business is that we have not checked the previous months minutes and that will be the first thing we do at the September meeting to get all caught up.

Sara had some money from the recycling bins, and gave the money to Becky for proper handling.

Scott invited Chris Danforth to the meeting. Scott had Chris draw up his plan for the transfer station. This plan has previously been rejected by the WDC and a different plan was voted upon to move forward with. This plan, as all plans do, needs to be approved by the town selectman before it can be approved by the state. The last time the transfer station was renovated on a larger scale was 1991. Currently, we are considered a grandfathered transfer station due to the age of our facility. This means that the state allows us to operate in the manner that we do because we have been at this location for so long.

One of the concerns shared and voiced by Becky, Paul, Sara and Cathy is that Scott's plan requires a lot of construction, disturbance, and a conceptual low figure estimate of 50,000 dollars to execute his plan. A majority of the committee feels a higher figure is more realistic. One of the major issues believed by Becky and Paul is the CD container. Scott does not think it a real concern. Another great concern is the access road for the trucks who haul.

Paul verbally explains his plan, previously voted as the plan to move forward with, to Chris pertaining to drainage, footage, coverage, and traffic flow. In Scott's plan there is a separate entrance and exit. Paul's plan has one gate for both entrance and exit. Scott is very against this idea because he believes it will cause bottle necks in the flow of cars/people. Paul thinks with his plan there would be less accidents where as he feels with Scott's plan the traffic would have to criss-cross causing potential accident scenarios.

Sara suggested to get a better idea of both plans that we go to the transfer station. The commission agreed. On Thursday the 28<sup>th</sup> 2008 at 5p.m. the Waste

Disposal Committee will meet to get a better visual and actual of the two plans at the transfer station.

The selectman agreed to have the Highway Department place the cement blocks around the burn pile at the transfer station. Paul met with Gary to discuss the placement of the cement blocks and the relocation of the transfer station sign.

The checklist that Becky proposed to the selectman was denied. Along with that, the review process is still on hold due to the legality of the handbook. Becky was told by the selectman they already missed the first two quarters, they might as well not pursue the following two quarters. Becky then pushed for them to pursue it for the first of the year.

Paul informs the commission, due to the three months he is absent from the committee in the winter, he will resign when his term is up. He doesn't think it is fair to the rest of the committee when so many absences.

Becky informs the committee that yes we can put glass and #1-#7 plastics in the same container but we reframe from doing so because it's just this vendor that allows us to consolidate both. It is also a new vendor so if we run into problems with this vendor and have to switch we don't want to be confusing the town's people on what and where recyclables need to be placed. It would also put us closer to single-stream recycling and we have already voted that process down. We are doing a great job recycling we don't want to discourage anyone from getting confused and in turn not recycling. We are currently at a 59% recycling rate.

The town receives a net revenues check from NRRRA. We have the option to continue receiving the checks in the manner or divide the expense and revenues. The committee accepts to leave it how it is.

The entire committee loves the Talking Trash newsletter and decides it is important to continue it. Whereas there are budget constraints we will find the money to get the word out thru the newsletter. It has had a positive impact and we are definitely getting a return on our investment.

The Virtual Francestown has two links related to the WDC located under Departments and Boards, and Committees. Becky asked if they should add any more links than the ones currently listed. Paul and Sara think that we should add on hours of operation to the transfer station link. The committee agrees to this addition. The committee also agrees to add meeting date, time, and location to the Waste disposal link. See attached copies of Website.

Becky asks for approval to fill in name, address, and contact number for the town website and everyone agreed that was alright with them.

Paul says he will help anytime he's needed after he resigns.

Next meeting is August 28<sup>th</sup> 2008 at 5p.m. at the Transfer Station. The agenda is to go over the lay out of the 2 plans.

The September meeting will be the 9<sup>th</sup> at 7p.m. at the Town Offices

Becky motions to adjourn the meeting at 9:04p.m. Sara seconds this motion. All are in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Johanna Moul, Volunteer Secretary