

Minutes of October 20th, 2009

In Attendance: Becky Moul, Sara Cox, Cathy Gombas, Paul Ellis, Scott Carbee and Johanna Moul Minutes Taker.

Present: Tom Anderson

Meeting opened at 7:00pm

The revenues spreadsheet was gone over. Right now we have \$8000 so far this year. It is suggested we may have \$10,000 in there by years end. Becky moves that we write up the warrant for the work with \$10,000 coming from undesignated funds (the revenues), Paul seconds. The TS 2009 appropriation is \$121,588. Spent thru August \$71,000. Becky will be meeting with Tom on Wednesday, the 21st to go over the budget.

The bid was put in the paper a couple of weeks ago. No responses yet.

Minutes of September 16th were reviewed. Becky moves we accept them as written. Paul seconds, all in favor.

The hazardous waste bill went over budget by \$60. We were all in shock. Becky compared the 2008 & 2009 bill. The pricing changed dramatically. Tom indicated that the town received a proposal letter and would provide us with it. We need to see the proposal before we contact Clean Venture concerning the bill. Last year we sent away 1875# of HW, this year we sent away 245# of HW. Last year we were under budget, this year we were over. After much discussion Becky moves we always put HWD out to bid, regardless of the last years performance. Paul seconds, all in favor.

Tom asked the question: From a budgetary standpoint do we need to do HWD every year? We may want to think about doing it every other year. Admin costs are 2/5^{ths} of the cost. Sara motions we table the decision on HWD until we are clear on the Clean Venture bill. We may want to explore other options. Cathy seconds, all in favor.

The budget was gone over line by line. The Selectmen and Budget Committee sent out a letter for a notice of Budget Hearings. They are asking for a flat budget. We feel at the end of the year we will be close to our 2009 appropriation and should keep the budget as is with the exception of salaries. The salaries line should not be changed as it is based on operational hours only. The TS will be on November 23rd. The entire WDC will be in attendance.

Becky passed out a 5 page documented summary of the past 38 years of the Transfer Station activity since it's inception in 1971. Information listed is: any articles related to the TS, # of members on the Commission, Appropriated \$, Expended \$. An interesting one is Recycling was made mandatory in Frankestown in 1991.

Discussed the compactor breaking down this summer. It blew some hoses. Scott suggests we have spare hoses on hand for possible future "hose breakage" instances. The down time will be minutes not hours. Becky will speak to Tom.

Cathy has asked if George and Heather can start picking up the paper from the school on Wednesdays. Becky will speak to Tom.

We need to ask about the metal pile. Now that the bridges & roads are done can we get this taken care of before the ground freezes? Becky will speak with Tom.

Becky asked if any one had heard any negative talk about the new TS hours. No one had and all felt the change was a wise one.

Next Meeting is November 10th, 7pm at Town Offices Meeting Room.

Sara motions to adjourn. Cathy seconds, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm