

## Recycling and Transfer Advisory Committee

### Minutes of Meeting October 23, 2012

Members Present: Committee Chair; Richard Bairam (Turk), Ray Bonney, Sean McDonald, Bob Worrell, Merrill Johnson

Absent: Jim Levesque, Bob Schroeder

The meeting was called to order at 6:35. Turk motioned to approve the minutes of the meeting on September 25, 2012. Ray second the motion. All in favor.

The Committee asked how the recycling markets are going. Diane said that the market has changed \$5.00 a ton. The Town was recently paying \$20.00 per ton for recycling but now is paying \$15.00 per ton. She hopes that the markets will continue to get better. There was a discussion on the recycling rates. They have gone down slightly and Diane also hopes that this is just a temporary trend. Diane will try for mandatory recycling this year. She feels that although 90% of people are making the effort, there is still a percentage that just will not. Drop off seems to be the problem bringing the total rates down.

The holidays are going to be an issue with the large amounts of material people generate. This will be a true test of the program. For the Town newsletter Diane has put in an article discussing the fact the facility is always open and that we will be open the day after Christmas till 7:00 p.m. , to assist with the high volumes of material. The article will also be placed on the website and in the Banner.

Diane will be bringing the bid information on the front end loader to the Council, tomorrow, October 24<sup>th</sup>. The CAT loader came in under bid and with all the specifications met. She is recommending the CAT loader. She also discussed the CIP. The Department will be requesting to withdraw money from the Special Revenue Fund for the purchase of a ½ ton pickup with plow and a bobcat.

Diane is presently working on the 2013-2014 budget and will email it to the Advisory Committee when it is finished.

The Department is working on “gathering” recycled materials for the upcoming Haunted Trails being held here at Transfer and Public Works. Bob Worrell discussed a book called “Garbageology” which is at the Hooksett library. He mentioned that it tells about people who go into transfer stations and piles of trash to collect material for art projects. Diane explained that there are several students who come in monthly to do just that.

Ray motioned to adjourn 7:45. Motion was second by Merrill. All in favor.