

## Recycling and Transfer Advisory Committee

### Meeting Minutes

January 22, 2013

Members Present: Bob Schroeder, Richard Bairam, Merrill Johnson, Bob Worrell, Ray Bonney

Absent: (excused) Sean McDonald, Jim Levesque

The meeting was called to order at 6:40. The Committee began the meeting with a discussion on mandatory recycling. On January 9<sup>th</sup> Diane had presented the Council with a proposed warrant article to see if the residents would vote to promote mandatory recycling. After a discussion, the Council voted 5-2 in support of the warrant article. During the following public input, a resident opposed mandatory. The resident asked to reconsider the vote. Diane will attend the meeting on January 23<sup>rd</sup> to see if the proposal is brought up again. The Committee is in full support of mandatory recycling.

The Committee reviewed the minutes of the meeting held on November 27<sup>th</sup>. Ray mentioned that the time the meeting was called to order was incorrect. Merrill motioned to accept the minutes as amended, second by Bob. All in favor.

The Committee reviewed the monthly spreadsheet. The Department has saved \$45,171.68 in disposal already this year. There was a decline on the trash tonnage collected at the curb during the holidays. Diane feels that is because of the large amount of drop off because of the barrels. She received no complaints with the exception to 2 residents who insisted that they receive additional barrels. The drop off is part of why Diane feels we need mandatory recycling. A lot of material that was brought directly to the facility could have been recycled, saving more money.

There was a discussion on the budget. The present budget has no money left for fuel but because it is a default budget, there is more money in disposal fees, so this should not be an issue.

The loader has left Caterpillar on its way to Hopkington, so we should be seeing that within several weeks.

Diane is still trying to think of some different projects that we could do for Earth Day. It is hard to predict the weather this time of year. We have had years with snow and years wearing t-shirts so it is a little challenging. Any suggestions would be helpful!!

The meeting adjourned at 8:00.