Recycling and Transfer Advisory Committee Minutes of Meeting 3-25-14

Members Present: Bob Schroeder, Richard Bairam (Turk); Committee Chair, Merrill Johnson, Ray Bonney, Jim Levesque

The meeting was called to order at 6:27. The Committee reviewed the minutes from the meeting on February 25, 2014. Jim motioned to accept the minutes as presented, second by Bob. All in favor.

The Committee reviewed the spreadsheet with the total amounts hauled to and from the landfill during the month of January.

Diane discussed a meeting that she had with Bob Allgaier, President of Pinard Waste. The meeting was attended by Bob Allgaier, Diane Boyce, Dr. Shankle and Tony Belanger, Operations Manager from Pinard Waste. They would like to use our transfer station to haul waste from here to Bethlehem Landfill. It would be a mix of residential and commercial waste. It would be around 500 tons per week. They would offer the Town around \$5.00 per ton to use the facility. Initially they talked about using our employees and equipment to haul the trash. Diane said that because we use our employees for other tasks (we had two men plowing just that day) we could not commit. It takes around four hours for a round trip to Bethlehem, and they want to do two trips a day. Diane mentioned that we would have to do a modification to our permit. For us to modify we would have to show that there was a "need" for another Community to use our facility and that it would be helping that Community. Tony mentioned that we would be helping the Bethlehem landfill. They need the material. Pinard has made other proposals to the Town before. We did have a concern about traffic. With the new automated collection of recycling there is definitely less traffic through the facility, at least for the recycling. There was a discussion by the Committee of the pros and cons of letting Pinard use the facility. Pro's being a revenue for the Town, cons being increased traffic through the facility, wear and tear on the building and the equipment, extended hours and Saturdays. The Committee was not interested in letting Pinard into the facility. They asked if they needed a roll call vote. Diane wasn't sure because it was just a discussion, not a formal proposal. Diane will find out if a formal proposal is coming.

There was a discussion about the mandatory recycling. The proposed ordinance will be discussed at the Town Council meeting on Wednesday, March 26th at a public hearing. Diane asked if she could have some support from the Committee.

Diane just finished a report to submit to the State of New Hampshire, Department of Environmental Services to reduce the annual gas monitoring and physical landfill inspections from possible annual to biennial which should save the Town some money.

The Committee discussed the Earth Day event. We will be doing a Touch a Truck here at the facility at the same time. If anyone knows of anyone that would like to participate, please let Diane know.

Jim motioned to adjourn at 7:30, second by Ray. All in favor.