

# Recycling and Transfer Advisory Committee

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Minutes of Meeting  
February 24, 2015

Members Present: Richard Bairam; Committee Chair , Ray Bonney, Merrill Johnson, Sean McDonald

Absent: Jim Levesque; Council Rep., Bob Schroeder

Also Present: Tyler Reney, Student St. Anslems

The meeting was called to order at 6:40. Merrill motioned to accept the minutes from November 25, 2014. The motion was second by Ray Bonney. All in favor.

Bob Worrell has resigned from the Committee. Diane asked Committee members if they knew of anyone who would be interested in serving.

The Committee reviewed the Monthly/Yearly totals. Recycling has declined but Diane feels it is because of the weather. February vacation is here and things should be picking up.

Disposal fees for several items have increased. Our single stream recycling fees have gone up. Right now we are paying \$19.00 per ton, with a possible increase to \$24.00 per ton. This is still better than the \$66.30 per ton we are currently paying for trash.

Diane will be going to the Council to ask for an increase in the electronic disposal fees. The container fee costs have gone up substantially (which will also impact the budget). It is part of the ordinance so it will need to be voted on. She is thinking maybe \$.04 per pound but will make sure it will cover the increased cost.

Earth Day has been scheduled for April 25<sup>th</sup>. Since we have started curbside recycling we have not had much participation. The weather for the past few years has not been that good either. Diane will promote it but is looking for some ideas for a draw to come in. We will be sponsoring the paper shredding event, which seems to be a big hit! The paper shredding will be from 9-1.

Diane has been getting the word out for storms and emergencies. People don't pay attention and put trash out "whenever". We have a facebook page, Diane is in by 6:30 to put it on the recorder and on the website. She has been encouraging people to go to the website and subscribe to the News and Announcements. She has been receiving positive feedback on this. There was also a good article in the Banner.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30.