

# Lee Solid Waste Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Oct 1, 2018 at 7:00pm

Lee Public Safety Complex

**Members present:** Chair Amy Schmidt, Dean Rubine, Matt Smith, Randy Stevens, Toby Van Aken (Transfer Station Manager)

**Members absent:** Arthur Bradbury

**Public present:** none

**Town History from Randy:** Lee Town Crier Nov-Dec 1975 “A new Commission was formed – the Solid Waste Disposal Committee – Richard Weyrick, John Curtis, Walter Durost, Wendall S. Gibb, William Jones, Russell Valentine”.

**1. Call to order** 7:07 pm

**2. Approve minutes of 9/10/2018 meeting.** Matt moves, Dean 2<sup>nd</sup>, approve as presented 4-0, Toby concurs

**3. Short Facility Update - Swap Shop-Facility staffing – Cost to dispose of fluorescents - Presenter Toby Van Aiken**

We focused on the swap shop. Issues since opening:

- volunteers taking stuff for themselves and not enforcing the bulky fees
- folks lounging around, waiting for stuff to come in

Possible signs to display:

- list of prohibited items – carriages, fabric, bedding, tvs etc.

- Examine and take items at your own risk

- Some swap shop drop-offs require a bulky fee payment, see next door

- No ACs or TVs

- video surveillance - illegal dumping rules enforced

Discussion

- consider getting rid of tickets

- enforce swap shop rules

- E-crier article explaining rules

- Volunteers should not offer swap shop items to children

- new fees new rules

- swap shop unloaders Bulky fee

- Matt: ordinance for illegal dumping \$100.

- Dean: research existing ordinances/laws.

- Stop bulky items in msw. No electronics

- Are penalty/fees for bad behavior possible or illegal?

- no dropoffs without ticket

- Everybody weighs C&D

- Camera on swap shop

**4. Update on Budget and Hauling Contract Bids – Toby**

Toby reports the bidding specifications have been submitted to the town and the town administrator will handle the bidding for the hauling contracts.

**5. Revenue from last haul of copper, aluminum, etc. to Harding Metals. Is it worth the manpower to sort it out? [combined with ...]**

**6. Follow up - revenue and time required to separate copper and aluminum from refrigeration and A/C units. Toby and/or Randy. Is it worth the manpower to take apart units and separate metals?**

25 units for Freon removal before they visit, \$9/unit Freon recovery  
Certification etc. makes removal by in-house staff difficult  
5 condensers -- 4 lbs each  
compressors, 22.7 lbs each  
\$9.02 income per unit  
15 minutes per unit, \$30 hour is \$7.50  
Plan: do one more big load of metal to determine correct disposal of refrigerators, ac, etc.

## **7. Further discussion and possible recommendations to BOS for Bulky Waste Fees & administration.**

Discussion

Randy: Chart of how much it costs and how much we charge

Show ticket when dropping off at swap shop

No longer have to collect tickets

\$2.50 becomes \$5

Matt: we can reduce some prices and still be underneath our costs

SWC recommends the following changes to the bulky fee schedule. Some fees have been eliminated, some reduced, some increased, some unchanged.

**No longer charge for: dishwashers, washing machine, stoves, toasters, mixers, small engines (drained)**

**TVs and monitors, 15 inches diagonal or less \$10**

**TVs and monitors, 16 inches or more, \$15**

**Tires, three sizes: \$5, \$5, \$10**

**Mattresses: \$5 all**

**Overstuffed Chairs: \$5**

**Sofas: \$10**

**Fridge & AC & other Freon devices: \$15**

**Computers and Laptops: \$0**

**Microwaves \$5**

**Stereos: \$5**

**C&D debris: \$5 per 50 lb, \$100 per ton**

**Propane Tanks: 16lbs: 0; 20lb: \$5; 30: \$10; 100 lbs: \$20**

**Small engines: \$0**

Dean moved we present these fees to BOS Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>. Matt: 2<sup>nd</sup>. 4-0 in favor, Toby concurs

## **8. Public outreach/education for resident**

E-crier

Toby: Tour of transfer station

## **9. Upcoming meetings and or events.**

Next meeting: Monday Oct 22

6:30 pm Select Board meeting, SWC presents Bulky Fee Schedule

7:00 pm or following BOS presentation, regular LSC meeting

NRRA October - single stream tours, we're probably not interested

NRRA November, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month

## **10. Short term meeting goals? N/A**

## **11. Other Business - Signs over transfer station bins – Toby estimates 2 weeks for accurate signs**

## **12. Adjournment - 8:54 pm**

Respectfully submitted, Dean Rubine