

TOWN OF LYME
TRANSFER STATION STUDY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
November 30, 2015
7PM Town Office Conference Room
Approved 12-14-15

Attending this first organizational meeting of the revived Transfer Study Committee were: Simon Carr-former TSSC member, Bill Hoehl-Acting TS Supervisor, Matt Thebedo, TS Assistant, Tim Cole-TS Assistant, Susanne Simon, Kate Jenks, Gerry Caney and Patty Jenks-Select Board Rep.

1. Jenks provided an overview of the reasons for the Study Committee to be revived.
2. Carr provided historical data as to how the transfer station was established and what the current fiscal accounting is, noting that in 2004 costs to operate the station were \$102,979 with a net of \$99,279 and in 2014 the costs were \$82,682 with a net of \$33,956 indicating it's costing far less to operate now that it did at its onset.
3. Carr also reminded the committee that the transfer station continues to operate in a temporary location.
4. Recycling is mandatory by order of the Select Board some years ago and is highly recommended by the state.
5. According to the town bookkeeper, the costs of recycling exceed any income realized. Hence the establishment of the study committee.
6. It was determined that Thebedo, K. Jenks, S. Simon will require appointments as official members of this committee. Hoehl and Cole are considered ex-officio members as they do not reside in Lyme. Ms. Caney does not wish to sit on the committee. We await confirmation from Harold Swartz as to his commitment and hope to gain at least two other members to round out the committee. P Jenks will provide the appointment documents to the Select Board for signatures.
7. It was the sense of the committee that several things needed to be addressed immediately to assure better safety and operations.
 - Access to the bins have a very steep first step. This will be corrected by the TS employees using hardpak and a piece of heavy equipment to create a safer step-up wherever necessary.
 - The metal steps are extremely slippery. Susanne suggested applying a strip of roughly textured safety tapes to provide better traction.
 - Afternoon hours after the fall time change are challenging. There is not sufficient lighting for attendants or visitors to conduct their business safely. The lighting arrangement is tenuous and it's the opinion of the attendants, unsafe. They would like the Select Board to consider either correcting the lighting arrangement or adjust winter hours so they are not after dark. P Jenks will relay this request.
8. With assertive measures underway to provide a safer area, the committee will also investigate ways to address excessive costs. As a start point, 2 years' worth of financials

will be requested of the bookkeeper. S Simon and K Jenks agreed to collectively research costs and alternative resources. Thebedo will provide contact information he has at his disposal to S Simon for this purpose.

9. P Jenks explained that the committee is charged with providing information and recommendation to the Select Board in time for presentation at March Town Meeting. With that goal in mind, meetings will be held every two weeks on Mondays. The next meeting will be held December 14, 2015.
10. Contact information for members to date are:

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S Carr- simon.carr@me.com (advisory position only)

K Jenks- KTCCC@myfairpoint.net

S Simon- evergreens110@gmail.com

M Thebedo- mattthebedo@gmail.com

B Hoehl- ransferstation@lymenh.gov

T Cole- timcole46@yahoo.com

Please contact P Jenks with corrections.

With sincere thanks to Simon Carr, this meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patty Jenks

