

Solid Waste Advisory Group Meeting Notes

6/4/13 7pm

Attendees: Floyd Guyette, Greg Gualtier, Gerry Cornett, Kevin St John, Gordon Carlstrom

Meeting was called to order

- 1.) Discussion was held on current method of notifying people of infractions and the revocation of right to use the transfer station. It was agreed that the current method of 2 warning letters and then a suspension notice was too cumbersome. The process will be streamlined so that the initial notification and education will occur at the transfer station by the staff. When the behavior of the person gets to the point where suspension of privileges is needed, the staff will notify the selectmen, provide the necessary backup, and the selectmen will issue the suspension notice.
- 2.) A proposal for a reformatted annual information pamphlet was presented by Gerry. Initial response was positive. The committee will review in time to send out by the end of June.
- 3.) The bid for the new trailer was discussed. The bid package is developed and will be sent out to the selected vendors for bids. This trailer is designed to have a 25 year lifespan.
- 4.) Enhanced fire protection for the trailer is going to be provided by hooking up an uncharged fire hose to the input ports on the trailer and connecting that to a new water valve. This way if there is an issue with the trailer, water can be applied immediately, rather than waiting for the fire department to do this upon arrival.
- 5.) Gerry provided the group with a discussion about his experiences at the conference in New York he attended. The Town of New Boston has hit a stop point in the recycling rate, and it is felt that in order to achieve better recycling rates, a change in behavior needs to happen. Alternatives discussed included handling organic waste and changing to a pay as you throw system. It was felt by the group that whatever option looked at should have a return on investment so that it does not cost the town more than it is worth.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40