

Minutes of the Transfer Site and Waste Management Committee

June 13th, 2012

Barnes Town Hall

Meeting called to order at 2:05. In attendance were Mitch McGee, Bob Lang, Tom Pieters, Gene Ratzel, Susan Pagnucci, and Jim Olesen.

General discussion was that things are working very well and the dumpsters positioned well and functional at the perimeter. Also, the shack is in a good location right where it is so we can run permanent power to it. The only customers that are confused with the one way traffic are the ones leaving the compost pile area. An additional exit sign may be helpful facing the west.

The committee discussed the advisory resolution made at the last town public meeting to reopen the building. The committee felt that the resolutions was ill-advised and was not in the best interest of the functionality of the transfer site. It was further discussed that traffic volume tended to be lower during inclement weather and that the building could be opened on those days. All traffic could be routed through and continue the one way traffic pattern that is working well. There was discussion about the floor being slippery when wet and snow/ice covered. The committee was informed that a more expensive epoxy would be more durable, but would not add more traction than the existing epoxy. It was discussed that squeegies and brooms could be used to keep the floor drier and that sand could be laid down when ice built up during the winter.

The committee discussed the overall expense of the transfer site and the unusually high percentage of the town's budget for garbage and recycle expenses. The expense of the debris dumpsters was

discussed as this seems to be where a large percentage of the expense is considering the low tonnage. The committee discussed discontinuing this service. The committee also discussed checking with competitive companies to see if all services could be contracted at a lower rate. The committee also discussed the possibility of businesses using the facility, what it would cost, and would it overload the facility. Considering all of these questions, the committee recommended that the board postpone acting on the request to open the facility to businesses and give the committee time to consider other options and impacts to the transfer site. If the board decides to open to businesses, the committee would like to consider charging per bag, additional staffing needs, other options to taking money at the transfer site, and additional facility requirements (more dumpsters).

The committee would also like to invite Allied Waste representatives to their next meeting which will be held on **June 27th, at 2pm.**

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Lang – Property Foreman