

Transfer Site and Waste Management Committee
Minutes of the June 27th, 2012 Meeting
Barnes Town Hall

Meeting was called to order at 2:00. In attendance were: Mitch McGee, Bob Lang, Gene Ratzel, Susan Pagnucci, Greg Martin, and Jack Meinke. Jim Olesen joined the meeting at approx. 2:25.

Elisa Headley from Allied Waste spoke with the committee about possibly giving the Town of Barnes a quote to provide services, depending on the expiration of the present contract with Waste Management. She spoke at length about their operation and practices. She offered ideas about possible changes if Allied Waste serviced the Town of Barnes including a possible rebate for recyclables if we didn't separate the aluminum. There would still be a charge for the dumpsters, but money would be paid back to the town instead of an additional charge for the tonnage like we currently have in place with Waste Management. She spoke of possibly separating out cardboard because it has more value and therefore would bring the town a higher rebate. The first order of business before she goes any further with pricing would be to check into our contract with Waste Management to see if we are near its expiration.

Discussion on options to reduce costs at the transfer site. The largest expenditure per ton is the construction/debris dumpsters. There was talk of trying to cover the costs of the dumpsters by charging more for items, but the general consensus was that we couldn't charge enough to make it worthwhile. **Gene Ratzel made a motion that the committee recommend to the Town Board that the transfer site no longer offer the construction/debris dumpsters as of November 1st of 2012. Jim Olesen seconded the motion. The motion passed.** There was further discussion that the town should offer a "clean-up" day once or twice per season where large items would be accepted.

Discussion about options to produce revenue at the transfer site. **Greg Martin reminded the committee that a motion was passed at the May 23rd Committee meeting to recommend to the town board that there be a charge per bag for garbage.** The price per bag needs to be determined. The committee felt that it would be easiest to implement the charge around the first of the year.

Discussion about town businesses being allowed to use the transfer site. The committee discussed the effects of business waste possibly overwhelming the facility. There was also discussion about the additional expense. As far as anyone was aware, no businesses have asked to use the facility. It was decided that a few of the members of the committee would do an informal poll of businesses they patronize to see if there is any need or desire to utilize the transfer site. The committee is speculating on usage and volume so more information is required. Gene agreed to put together a spreadsheet for the businesses to try to tabulate the data gathered.

Greg asked the Hazardous Waste be put back on the agenda under long term goals until the committee addresses it.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, July 10th, at 2pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Lang – Roads & Property Foreman