

Transfer Station Committee
Tuesday, September 9, 2013
Public Works Garage
7:30 p.m.
Special Meeting

Minutes

Members Present: Randolph Dill, Elizabeth Lunt

Not Present: Edward Odell, Robert Bennett

Call to Order

Mrs. Lunt called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm

Correspondence

Mrs. Lunt distributed a hand out summarizing the surrounding area Transfer Station information regarding waste accepted, fees, and operating procedures. Mrs. Lunt also distributed a copy of the charge and the letter of recommendations from the previous Transfer Station Committee.

New Business

None

Audience of Citizens

None

General Discussion

1. A discussion was had regarding the need to increase recycling and how that could be achieved. The State of CT is looking to increase the recycling goals from 25% to 45%. Other towns have installed a bag fee or the use of clear bags to ensure residents are recycling. A discussion was had regarding how recycling can be increased in the schools and businesses. The discussions ended with the best approach being increased education for the residents and increased signage at the Transfer Station.
2. The second item on the agenda was to discuss whether or not the East Haddam Transfer Station can continue to accept municipal solid waste delivered from commercial haulers; and if so determine a short-term and long-term strategy. Mrs. Lunt informed the committee that WMC consultants have been hired to prepare a

design to repair the existing hopper to increase the structural strength of the equipment so as to ensure that the hopper can be reopened to commercial haulers. In addition WMC has been retained to look into long term options of how best to address the mixed use of residents and commercial haulers.

3. A discussion on the review of Transfer Station Operational practices for safety. Mrs. Lunt raised the safety issue of residents utilizing the back side of the hopper. This area is utilized by the commercial haulers as well as residents with significant amounts of waste in either a truck or trailer. Safety procedures need to be enforced to ensure the safety of all residents. Mr. Dill expressed his concern that this area be kept open to the residents to allow for efficient disposal of MSW.

Other

None

Adjournment

Motion by Mrs. Lunt to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Dill. Motion carried unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Elizabeth Lunt
Secretary