

Transfer Station Committee
Tuesday, September 16, 2013
Public Works Garage
7:30 p.m.
Special Meeting

Minutes

Members Present: Randolph Dill, Elizabeth Lunt, Robert Bennett

Members Not Present: Edward Odell

Others Present: Chris Behillo, Ralph Parady, Joe Albuquerque

Call to Order

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

Correspondence

None

New Business

None

Audience of Citizens

A general discussion by Ralph Parady, Chris Behillo and Joe Albuquerque informed the committee of their concerns regarding the closure of the transfer station to commercial haulers. Additional discussion involved the original design and operating procedures of the transfer station.

General Discussion

1. The discussion was a summary from the previous meeting to inform absent committee members from the September 9, 2013 meeting. 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. Mr. Bennett and Mr. Dill suggested that increased signage at the Transfer Station regarding what is accepted as single stream recycling would be helpful. 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 absent committee members from the previous meeting 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. No additional comments from the committee.
3. A discussion on the review of Transfer Station Operational practices for safety. Mrs. Lunt informed absent committee members from the previous meeting about her concerns for 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. No additional safety items were raised.
4. A general discussion was had to compare the expenses and revenue structure at the Transfer Station to the Connecticut Market. Mrs. Lunt mentioned that fees collected at the Transfer Station for tires, Freon containing appliances, bulky waste and brush covered the expenses incurred by the Town for disposal. Mrs. Lunt also stated that the fees are consistent with surround towns. Mr. Dill stated that he would like the ordinance to reflect the current fee structure.

Other

None

Adjournment

Motion by Mrs. Lunt to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Dill. Motion carried unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Elizabeth Lunt
Secretary