

Transfer Station Committee
Tuesday, September 30, 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: None

Call to Order

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

Correspondence

None

New Business

A discussion on the replacement of the Committee Chair was had. The committee felt a representative from the Economic Development Committee should replace Mr. Odell as he has not attended the past two meetings and has informed Mrs. Lunt that he can no longer honor his commitment. Bob Casner was suggested as a replacement. Mrs. Lunt would inquire with Mr. Casner to confirm his availability and willingness to serve on the committee.

Audience of Citizens

None

General Discussion

1. The second item on the agenda was to further 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. Mr. Dill brought to the attention of the committee the need to clarify between licensed commercial waste haulers and commercial businesses. The most recent damages to the hopper were caused by a commercial business and not a licensed commercial hauler. Mr. Dill raised the question of whether or not limitations should be initiated toward commercial businesses. It was determined that further

discussion would be held until the report from WMC consultants was submitted.

2. A general discussion was had to compare the expenses and revenue structure at the Transfer Station to the Connecticut Market. A discussion was had regarding the collection of waste oil/antifreeze at the Transfer Station. Mrs. Lunt informed the committee of the following:

The capacity of the waste oil tank is 300 gallons and the waste antifreeze tank is 100 gallons. The staff has witnessed local business' depositing large quantities of waste oil on numerous occasions. The tanks are then prematurely filled and residents are turned away until the vendor can pump the tanks out. The waste oil/antifreeze collection tanks were installed to collect from residents not to facilitate the disposal of a business waste stream. The waste oil tank is pumped approximately 15 times during the course of the year. The associated fee to have the tank pumped is approximately \$745.00 per event. The waste oil collected at the Transfer Station is often contaminated with hazardous materials including but not limited to brake fluid, paint thinner etc; therefore the waste oil cannot be sold as "waste oil" and must be disposed of in a regulated manner.

Mrs. Lunt expressed that she would like to see a limitation on the amount of oil that can be disposed of at one time and suggested an amount of 5 gallons. Mr. Bennett and Mr. Dill agreed on the limit of 5 gallons.

Other

None

Adjournment

Motion by Mrs. Lunt to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Dill. Motion carried unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Elizabeth Lunt
Secretary