

Transfer Station Committee
Tuesday, November 11, 2013
Public Works Garage
7:30 p.m.
Special Meeting

Minutes

Members Present: Randolph Dill and Elizabeth Lunt, Bob Casner

Members Not Present: Robert Bennett

Others Present: None

Call to Order

Mrs. Lunt called the meeting to order at 8:15 pm

Correspondence

None

New Business

Elizabeth Lunt motioned to replace Edward Odell with Bob Casner as Committee Chair. Mr. Dill seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Audience of Citizens

None

General Discussion

1. The first item on the agenda was to discuss revising the town ordinance concerning the use and operation of The Solid Waste Facility. Mrs. Lunt provided the committee members with the report prepared by WMC Consulting Engineers titled "Transfer Station Evaluation" dated November 5, 2013. Mrs. Lunt informed the committee that the overall findings by WMC concluded that the Transfer Station was not designed to efficiently and safely accommodate the number of commercial haulers that currently use the station. A general discussion was had regarding how best to phase out the use of the Transfer Station by commercial waste haulers. Mr. Casner informed the committee that it would be a financial burden to the haulers if changes to the use of the Transfer Station were made. He was concerned that any changes could negatively affect the businesses of the local haulers and that a phased approach should be established. The committee discussed the possibility of the commercial haulers

having to bring their loads directly to the Towns contracted waste facility (currently Willimantic Waste Paper Company, Inc.) and also the possibility of the haulers being responsible for the tipping fees. Mrs. Lunt informed the committee that residents are not charged a fee for using the Transfer Station and that tipping fees are paid for commercial haulers in some towns throughout Connecticut. Mr. Casner suggested that a 6 month phased approach for any changes would allow the businesses to adjust their business plans to minimally impact their business; the committee members present were in agreement.

2. The second item on the agenda was to discuss the reopening of the Transfer Station to commercial waste haulers. Mrs. Lunt informed the committee that the Transfer Station repairs were complete and had been inspected by WMC and that it would be reopened to commercial haulers on November 13, 2013. Mrs. Lunt informed the committee that she instructed the employees at the Transfer Station to be diligent in inspecting the loads of commercial waste haulers and that all loads should be weighed prior to unloading into the hopper.

Other

Mr. Dill informed the committee that he felt it was a good idea to consider mailing a single stream recycling informational letter with the tax bills. Mr. Dill would also like the committee to consider a change to Section 2 item f of the ordinance concerning the use and operation of The Solid Waste Facility.

Adjournment

Motion by Mrs. Lunt to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Dill. Motion carried unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 9:53 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Elizabeth Lunt
Secretary