

Town of Waldoboro, Maine
Transfer Station Committee Meeting Minutes
Municipal Building - 1600 Atlantic Highway
Thursday, November 10, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order** – Bob Butler, Waldoboro citizen, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with a quorum present. Other committee members present were:

Terry Gifford, Waldoboro Waste Hauler
Will Payson, Cushing Select Board
Randy Robbins, Cushing Citizen
Theodore Wooster, Vice Chairman, Waldoboro
John Higgins, Waldoboro Citizen
Bruce Prior, Cushing Waste Hauler
Elizabeth Dinsmore, Friendship Select Board

Others in attendance: John Daigle, Waldoboro Department of Public Works

2. **Citizen Comments** – Bob Butler said he had two comments to make as a citizen.

a. He read an article appearing in the November 10, 2011 issue of *The Lincoln County News* entitled “Increase in recycling reported as new law takes effect”. The article is attached to these minutes.

Liz Dinsmore mentioned she’d seen an article in the *Bangor Daily News* announcing that the City of Bangor is giving up on single stream recycling.

b. Bob Butler commented that the Waldoboro Select Board, at the request of Waldoboro Town Manager John Spear, during its November 8th meeting, agreed to include on its November 22nd meeting agenda an item relating to the future role of this Transfer Station Committee. The work of the Transfer Station Committee (the drafting of a new ordinance and its related Municipal Service Agreement for Solid Waste Disposal Facilities) will soon be finished. The Select Board needs to consider future roles, if any, for the Committee. The Transfer Station Committee will have on the agenda of *its* next meeting, scheduled for Thursday November 17th, a discussion of additional Transfer Station Committee projects it wishes to

present to the Select Board for consideration. The hope is to maintain Transfer Station Committee momentum until such time as the new ordinance is presented for legislative approval in Waldoboro. The Chairman suggested the committee discuss this matter further under agenda item No. 5.

3. **Minutes** – Terry Gifford moved and Randy Robbins seconded that the Committee approve the minutes of the October 27th meeting. All committee members present voted in favor of the motion.

4. **Discuss Will Payson's ideas concerning a Recycling Contest**

Will Payson suggested that the Committee organize, at some future date, a friendly competition among the three towns to increase interest in recycling. The problem is how to motivate people to recycle. Cost savings are one incentive. But, Will argues, it's not just about money for the guy on the street. It's recycling, *itself*, that must be the attention getter. A recycling contest fits the idea that people like to compete. The committee, by consensus, agreed that Will has a great idea, the details of which can be worked out after the new Waldoboro solid waste disposal ordinance is in place.

John Daigle pointed to the need to reward people who are doing what the recycling ordinance asks of them. Trash haulers do not receive recognition for their hard work. (Terry Gifford said the Transfer Station does not charge waste haulers who recycle, which is recognition enough.)

Liz suggested free dumping for furniture and appliances for a year. as a possible prize for recycling winners,

The Committee agreed to revisit the idea of a contest when the time is appropriate.

5. **Discuss Will Payson's Questions concerning Next Steps after completion of the draft Solid Waste Ordinance and the draft Municipal Service Agreement**

Will's questions relate to how the Committee is to present the restated and amended ordinance and the Municipal Service Agreement to the Waldoboro Select Board and to the three towns. After legal counsel reviews the documents and hearings are held, are the voters and/or the select boards of the three towns to vote the Municipal Services Agreement up or down? Are the voters of Waldoboro to vote on the amended and restated ordinance? Or, does the Waldoboro Select Board, alone, cast its votes? What about the timing? What happens if Cushing and Friendship approve the amended and restated Municipal Service Agreement but Waldoboro's voters do not approve the amended and restated **Solid Waste** ordinance?

By consensus, the Committee agreed to draw up a list of questions for legal counsel at its next meeting and to present the questions to the Waldoboro Town Manager for referral to counsel.

6. Discuss Committee's recommendation, if any, concerning the MRC Ballot.

Will Payson moved and Ted Wooster seconded that the committee recommend that the Waldoboro Select Board vote for Robert A. Peabody of Rockport to serve on the Municipal Review Committee, Inc. All Committee members present voted in favor. The committee supports the election of Mr. Peabody because (i) he is a currently serving director with experience (ii) he is a former Executive Director of Mid-Coast Solid Waste Disposal Corporation; (iii) the governor of Maine appointed him to the Solid Waste Management Advisory Council; (iv) he is a former mayor and City Counselor of Rockland; and (v) he lives close to Waldoboro, Cushing and Friendship and could be a valuable resource of information and expertise to the three towns.

7. Report from John Daigle Concerning DEP Regulations about the Transfer Station's right to refuse Demolition Debris and other Waste.

John Daigle said he would present his information at the next Transfer Station Committee meeting on November 17th

8. Continuing Business – Discuss Transfer Station Ordinance Draft #20. Attachment A

A-1a John Higgins suggested the validity of decals or permits should run from April through March. He pointed out it's easier to affix decals to bumpers in warmer weather. John Daigle expressed his preference to have all decals attached to the lower left area of windshields. The Committee agreed by consensus that decals should only be attached to the lower left area of windshields and should not be attached to bumpers.

A-1b The Committee discussed whether the existing language addresses the issue of new residents who have not yet obtained Maine drivers' licenses or license plates **but who need to use the Transfer Station**. The consensus of the Committee was that Transfer Station staff is flexible and works with people during such periods of transition. Such categories of people have the option of obtaining a temporary permit until they are fully qualified Residents. Bob Butler said he would give this some more thought and would add appropriate language to cover those in the process of becoming residents of one of the Partners.

A-1c John Daigle is going to look into the tonnage limitation stated in Paragraph A-1c8. John Daigle indicated the language in the draft, which requires the Tax Collector to issue CDD permits, does not reflect present practices. He suggested the ordinance reflect the existing practice, and after much discussion, the Committee agreed by consensus. Under present arrangements, the Transfer Station Manager issues blank CDD permits, either to homeowners, directly, or to a contractor working for the homeowner. In either case, the homeowner or project owner, who must be a Permitted User, completes and signs the permit. The Transfer Station Manager uses the information in the permit to determine whether a contractor bringing CDD to the Landfill is authorized to do so. Determination procedures could include a phone call to the homeowner to ensure compliance with the permit.

John Daigle agreed to bring a copy of the CDD permit to the Committee's next meeting for a final review of the procedure.

John Daigle also agreed to do additional research concerning Paragraph A-1.c.8, which deals with the amounts of CDD permitted for disposal into the Landfill.

Terry pointed out that the ordinance should address the requirement of state licensure for hauling CDD. Bruce Prior said state licensure applies only

to vehicles weighing more than 10,000 pounds. Bruce undertook to bring his State hauler's license to the next Committee meeting to support further investigation.

The Committee had no further comments concerning A-2, Issuance of Hauler Licenses.

The Committee agreed by consensus that Paragraph A-4 needs to require haulers who do not deposit Recyclables not only to pay a dumping fee, but also to report volume or tonnage of recyclables they remove on behalf of Permitted Users.

The Committee agreed by consensus to create in Paragraph A-5 a separate category for porcelain.

Other comments concerning A-5: John Daigle clarified that cans and metal drums can be accepted as long as the WTS Manager is aware of their prior contents. John Daigle will ask whether juice cartons and milk cartons are to be included in the definition for mix paper (Paragraph A-5.d)

The Committee had no further comments concerning Paragraphs A-6 and A-7.

9. Next Meeting and Adjournment

The Chairman reminded Committee members that the next Transfer Station Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 17, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. because the next succeeding regularly scheduled meeting would fall on Thanksgiving Day. John Higgins moved, and Will Payson seconded that the meeting adjourn. All committee members present voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted: Bob Butler

Approved:

Transfer Station Committee:
Town of Waldoboro, Maine

Bob Butler, Chairman

Ted Wooster, Vice Chairman

Liz Dinsmore, Friendship Select Board and Secretary

Terry Gifford, Waste Hauler, Waldoboro

John Higgins, Waldoboro Citizen

(Absent) Monika Magee, Cushing Citizen

Will Payson, Cushing Select Board

Bruce Prior, Cushing Hauler

Randy Robbins, Cushing