

**Town of Waldoboro, Maine  
Transfer Station Committee Meeting Minutes  
Municipal Building - 1600 Atlantic Highway  
Thursday, November 17, 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  
Bubba Thompson, Friendship Select Board

Others in attendance: John Daigle, Waldoboro Department of Public Works, and John E. Meyn. Friendship Citizen

2. **Citizen Comments** – Bob Butler read an article Ted Wooster had passed onto him. The article, by Geoff Gratwick, appeared in the Bangor Daily News under the title, *Unintended Consequences of Trash, Bangor, PERC*. The article is attached to these minutes. The gist of the article is that PERC's member communities are sending less Solid Waste to PERC and incurring penalties because they are not meeting their Guaranteed Annual Tonnage (GAT) commitment. Some towns are not meeting their GAT because they are recycling more; others because lower levels of economic activity in a slow economy means they are generating less waste. GAT penalties under the current contract with PERC as relatively minor. When the current agreement with PERC expires in 2018, this could change. PERC and the towns that supply PERC with burnable refuse are undertaking a review of their current relationship in anticipation of its termination seven years from now.

These are some remarks that followed the reading of the Bangor Daily News article:

- a. John Daigle noted that Maine DEP has plants that burn plywood. The plywood could be delivered to PERC for burning, instead. Additional tires could be burned, as well.
- b. John Meyn remarked that things change. The arrangement with PERC has worked for 30 years. It's probably time to move onto something different.
- c. Terry Gifford commented that PERC purchases wood chips for burning. She pointed out that sending materials to PERC for burning is a way of recycling in that we're recycling garbage into energy. She mentioned that Bruce Prior aggregates on his property the recyclables he removes for his customers and, when he has enough, he takes them to the Transfer Station. Terry pointed out that this is an additional step in the collection process; she cannot do it because she does not have enough space on her property.
- d. John Spear suggested we invite Mr. Loudner of PERC's Municipal Review Committee to address the Transfer Station Committee.

3. **Minutes** – Johns Higgins moved and Terry Gifford seconded that the Committee approve the minutes of the November 10th meeting. All committee members present voted in favor of the motion.
4. **Expanded Mandate.** Committee members asked John Spear to request the Waldoboro Select Board to broaden the Transfer Station Committee's mandate to include the following: Re-configuring the Transfer Station traffic pattern; closing the present landfill and deciding whether to recommend the opening of a new landfill; consideration of the need for scales at the Transfer Station; making the public aware of proposed changes to the Recycling Ordinance; staying abreast of developments within PERC as it closes in on 2018 and the conclusion of its arrangement with the towns
5. **Questions of the Attorney.** During its November 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Committee agreed to draw up a list of questions for submission to the Waldoboro attorney. Will Payson wanted Waldoboro, Friendship and Cushing to be clear about how to proceed with the approval process of both the revised Waldoboro Solid Waste Disposal and Required Recycling Ordinance (a strictly Waldoboro matter) and the Municipal Services Agreement among the three towns. John Spear, Waldoboro Town Manager said he needs to take some time to read the original Municipal Services Agreement to see if contains any clues as to the approval process. John Spear is virtually

certain that the Waldoboro Ordinance will require the approval of Waldoboro's citizens. The Municipal Services Agreement is more problematical. John Spear said he would speak to Maine Municipal Association (MMA) about governance structures and explore with MMA the procedural method of moving from the existing Waldoboro ordinance and Municipal Services Agreement to the new documents. He emphasized that his questions would pertain to procedural matters, not to matter of content. He suggested the Transfer Station Committee keep a running list of questions that he could refer to the MMA or others for answers.

Bubba Thompson stated that whatever happens, the Towns of Cushing and Friendship would have to take a close look at both documents.

## **6. Continuing Discussion of the Draft Ordinance: Draft No. 21: Attachment A**

a. Section A-1b. The Committee approved by consensus the revised wording of this section, which addresses people who are intending to become full-time residents of one of the Transfer Station Partners.

b. Section A-1c. Construction and Demolition Debris Permits. John Higgins asked what is to be done with a metal door that has glass windows and a core of pressure treated wood. John Daigle explained that items with "mixed content" are treated as special cases. The method of their disposal is a matter of Transfer Station staff discretion. John Daigle mentioned that a total of 125 tons of metal ended up with PERC because of less-than-optimal separation procedures and because citizens don't do a thorough job of separating their recyclables. It's complicated and there are no simple answers.

Randy Robbins asked Bubba Thompson, a Friendship contractor and Selectman, how one is to get an absent homeowner to sign a construction demolition debris permit. Bubba said he faxes the permit to absentee property owners for completion and signature. That system works well for him, and he thought it would work well for contractors in general.

John Daigle explained that PERC couldn't burn roofing shingles. Tarpaper stays with the shingles. A facility in Portland can grind the shingles up and use them for road paving.

The Committee agreed by consensus that the Transfer Station Committee should determine the form of the Construction Demolition Debris (CDD) permit.

The Committee agreed by consensus that the WTS Manager should issue blank permit forms to Resident Businesses and non-residents businesses performing services of a short-term duration for a Resident. The Resident clients of such businesses will complete the blank permits, sign them, and provide contact phone numbers. The completed and signed permits are to be displayed on the driver's side dashboard of the vehicle named on the CDD permit. The completed CDD permit is to contain the information set forth in the draft ordinance.

*Committee members agreed that CDD permits are required ONLY of businesses performing a service for their clients. The permits are NOT required of private Residents who are undertaking their own demolition projects.* For example, a private Resident and Permitted User would not have to obtain a CDD permit to dispose of debris generated from the remodeling of a kitchen. The draft Ordinance will now clearly indicate that CDD permits are required of *businesses* performing a service for a Resident.

John Daigle also agreed to do additional research concerning Paragraph A-1.c.7 (re-numbered), which deals with the amounts of CDD permitted for disposal into the Landfill.

c. Section A-2 Waste Hauler Licenses.

Terry Gifford suggested that it should be sufficient simply to state in the ordinance that all Permitted Users must abide by all State and Federal regulations.

Bruce Prior provided to the Committee a copy of his Maine State Hauler's license, which applies to hauling household waste in vehicles with a GVW of 10,000 pounds or more and requires the purchase of insurance coverage.

Bruce also pointed out that state regulations do NOT require a state license for hauling CDD IF the GVW is less than 26,001 pounds.

Bob Butler said he would review Bruce Prior's license and suggest appropriate changes to the draft ordinance.

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

The Committee reviewed and made minor changes to the remaining paragraphs of Attachment A.

**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 December 8<sup>th</sup>

**8. Report from John Daigle concerning the disposal of Gable—end containers. Are they "mixed paper" or are they to be thrown into the hopper.**

John Daigle said he would present his information at the next Transfer Station Committee meeting on December 8<sup>th</sup>

**9. Next Meeting and Adjournment**

The Chairman reminded Committee members that the next Transfer Station Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 8, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. Randy Robbins 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

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Ted Wooster, Vice Chairman

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Bubba Thompson, Friendship Select Board

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Terry Gifford, Waste Hauler, Waldoboro

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John Higgins, Waldoboro Citizen

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(Absent) Monika Magee, Cushing Citizen

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Will Payson, Cushing Select Board

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Bruce Prior, Cushing Hauler

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Randy Robbins, Cushing