

**Town of Waldoboro, Maine**  
**Transfer Station Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Municipal Building - 1600 Atlantic Highway**  
**Thursday, December 22, 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:

Randy Robbins, Cushing Citizen  
Theodore Wooster, Vice Chairman, Waldoboro  
John Higgins, Waldoboro Citizen  
Bubba Thompason, Friendship Select Board  
Will Payson, Cushing Select Board  
Bruce Prior, Cushing Hauler

2. **Citizen Comments** – None
3. **Minutes** – Ted Wooster moved and Randy Robbins seconded that the Committee approve the minutes of the December 8th meeting. All committee members present voted in favor of the motion.
4. **Continuing Business** – Discuss Transfer Station Ordinance Draft #23
  - a. Report from John Daigle concerning A-1.c.7, which deals with the amounts of CDD permitted for disposal into the Landfill. Discussion deferred to the next meeting, when John Daigle is present
  - b. Report from John Daigle Concerning DEP Regulations and Transfer Station's right to refuse Demolitions Debris and other Solid Waste (cf. A-4 of the draft ordinance). Discussion deferred to the next meeting, when John Daigle is present.
  - c. Reports from John Higgins concerning:
    - (1) Factor for converting cubic yards of CDD into pounds (cf B-3.4)

John Higgins submitted a number of very helpful schedules showing

conversion rates for various types of materials from cubic yards into pounds. The committee focused on Cubic Yard-to-weight conversions for Brick, Ceramic and Porcelain; Roofing; and Wood.

A general discussion ensued and the following points were made:

- (a) Will Payson suggested the creation of a sinking fund to capture sufficient revenues to construct a new landfill. A formula incorporating the cost of the landfill divided by the volume of the landfill as reflected with corresponding weights for various categories of construction demolition debris would yield a per pound cost, which the Transfer Station could pass onto to those utilizing the landfill.
- (b) Randy Robbins expressed his unease with restricting the community's use of the landfill. If the landfill is not available to people, they will dump their construction demolition debris in undesignated areas. Sandy Lane was cited as an example of such a place.
- (c) Bubba Thompson wondered whether the draft ordinance limits a contractor to 30 cubic yards per month per project or whether the limitation is 30 cubic yards per month no matter how many projects the contract has going at one time.

The consensus of the committee was that the Chairman would create a mathematical model for converting the volumes of various types of demolition debris into a weighted average equivalent in pounds.

(2) The disposition of, and related charges for, mattresses and box springs (B-3.6)

John Higgins submitted information comparing amounts various towns charge to dispose of mattresses and bed springs. The consensus of the committee is that the Transfer Station should charge \$5.00 to dispose of a mattress or box spring smaller than a queen and \$10.00 to dispose of a queen or large. The charge is for each unit. A queen or larger box spring/mattress set will incur a charge of \$20.00, \$10.00 for the box spring and \$10.00 for the mattress.

(3) The disposition of and charges for scrap metal (B-3.9)

John Higgins presented information showing that one cubic yard of scrap metal weighs 225 pounds. The current Transfer Station charge for accepting scrap metal is \$5.00 per cubic yard. Assuming one cubic yard of scrap metal weighs 225 pounds, on average, \$5.00 per cubic yard equates to \$0.025 per pound. The consensus of the Committee is to express this volume-to-weight relationship in the ordinance.

The committee determined that the Transfer Station's handling of water tanks and pressure tanks need to be clarified. Should there be a disposal fee? Do some tanks have to be cut in half?

(4) Course of action concerning the different types of wood (B-3.12)

Bruce Prior explained that pressure treated wood goes into the landfill. The Transfer Station pays a fee to grind up wood and brush and to have it trucked away – except for pressure treated wood, which goes into the landfill. Ground up clean wood and brush command a better price than demolition wood.

The Committee determined that there are two ways of extending the life of the landfill, thereby keeping the costs of disposing of Solid Waste in check and saving the taxpayers money. One is to limit the amount of debris that can be put into the landfill. The draft ordinance preserves the current monthly limitation for CDD permit holders of 30 cubic yards. The other method of discouraging excessive landfill use by charging per pound or per cubic yard for its use.

The consensus of the committee is that the Transfer Station should continue to charge for the disposal of all types of wood because the disposal costs money, irrespective of whether it goes into the landfill or is ground up and trucked away. The current charges are \$5.00 per cubic yard of clean wood and brush and \$15.00 per cubic yard to demolition wood. On average, one cubic yard of wood weighs 169 pounds. The \$5.00 charge for a cubic yard of clean wood or brush therefore equals \$0.03 per pound. The \$15.00 charge for a cubic yard of demolition wood (painted wood, plywood OSB and particle board) equals about \$0.09 per pound.

John Higgins pointed out that the foregoing charges compare to those of CPRC Group, Scarborough. They charge \$45.00 per ton (\$0.0225 per pound) for demo wood , \$5 per ton (\$0.0025 per pound) for clean wood and \$95.00 per hour to transport the wood. The hourly charge applies to loading time in addition to time required for round-trip transport.

(5) Dumping fees for those who do not recycle (B-4)

Randy Robbins wondered whether the Transfer Station can penalize people for not recycling and suggested that the MMA have a look at that legal question. Committee members agree that the draft ordinance will have to be reviewed by counsel prior to submission to the Select Board for their review.

As for penalizing Permitted Users for not recycling, committee members expressed the view that there should be consequences for those who increase the costs of Solid Waste disposal to taxpayers because they do not recycle. Committee members noted that those who DO recycle, including commercial haulers, dispose of Trash and Garbage free of charge. The Committee's consensus is that those who do not recycle should pay \$0.06 for each pound of Solid Waste that goes into the hopper.

Note: On average, one cubic yard of uncompacted MSW (Municipal Solid Waste) weighs 225 pounds. \$.06 per pound of uncompacted solid waste equals \$13.50 per cubic yard. One cubic yard of compacted solid waste weighs, on average, 606 pounds. At a charge of \$.06 per pound, the equivalent charge for one cubic yard of compacted solid waste is \$36.36

#### d. Discussion of Attachment C, Second Hand Shop

The Transfer Station Committee reviewed Attachment C. The committee wants to ensure that Waldoboro is not held liable for injuries sustained or consequential damages suffered from any items sold at the Second Hand Shop. The Committee also wants to ensure that parties operating the Second Hand Shop obtain appropriate insurance.

### 9. Next Meeting and Adjournment

The Chairman reminded Committee members that the next Transfer Station Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 12, 2012

at 7:00 p.m. Ted Wooster moved, and Randy Robbins 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

Bubba Thompson for Elizabeth Dinsmore, Friendship Select Board

(Absent) 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