

**Town of Waldoboro, Maine
Transfer Station Committee Meeting Minutes
Municipal Building - 1600 Atlantic Highway
Thursday, April 12, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.**

1. Call to Order

Bob Butler, Waldoboro citizen, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. with a quorum present. Other committee members present were:

John Higgins, Waldoboro Citizen
Liz Dinsmore, Friendship Select Board
Will Payson, Cushing Select Board
Bruce Prior, Cushing Hauler
Monika Magee, Cushing Citizen
Randolph W. Robbins, Cushing Citizen
Ted Wooster, Waldoboro Select Board

Terry Gifford, Waldoboro Hauler, was absent.

Also in attendance: John Spear, Waldoboro Town Manager.

2. Citizens Comments

John Higgins raised the question of our future meeting schedule. The committee agreed to discuss the future meeting schedule under Item 7 of the agenda.

3. Minutes

It was moved and seconded that the Committee approve the minutes of the April 5th meeting. All committee members present voted in favor of the motion.

4. Discussion of Waldoboro Select Board vote to put the Ordinance and MSA on the Town Warrant

John Spear clarified that the Town of Waldoboro will vote on the Ordinance and the Municipal Services Agreement on June 12th. The Waldoboro Select Board will hold a public hearing on May 22nd, which is required by law. Prior to and during the public hearing the Select Board cannot effect changes to the proposed Ordinance or the MSA. The hearing does provide people an opportunity to speak for or against the ordinance and the MSA.

Will Payson said he's thinking about how Cushing and Friendship will deal with the MSA. John Spear pointed out that, technically, the MSA is not an ordinance. However the MSA does state that the legislative authority of each of the towns must approve it.

5. Discuss actions to be taken to acquaint the public with the Ordinance and the MSA.

Some suggestions brought forward included:

- Complete a column-by-column comparison of the old and new ordinances.
- Keep a list of questions posed and create an FAQ presentation
- Record a presentation for Lincoln County Television and, possibly Channel 9 (Knox County TV)
- Speak to the Lion's Club, the WBA, Concerned Citizens of Waldoboro, Masons, the Grange, and church groups (Methodists, Baptists, and Congregationalists)

6. Report from John Daigle concerning Hannaford's acceptance of plastic bags.

John Spear reported on behalf of John Daigle that Hannaford is now accepting plastic bags from the transfer station, but ONLY Hannaford bags. If it's not a Hannaford bag, it goes into the hopper.

7. Discuss Other Committee Business to be undertaken during the Coming Two Months.

Monica suggested Waldoboro should appoint a recycling committee to increase community awareness of the need to recycle. She spoke of building community spirit and pride.

Will pointed out that Waldoboro needs someone willing to lead the community effort and to get others involved.

John Spear reminded the committee that one of its charges, in addition to rewriting the ordinance, is to research pay-per-bag and to make a recommendation to the Select Board. He pointed out that the 2012/2013 Waldoboro Transfer Station budget received the unanimous support of the Waldoboro Select Board but 4 of the Budget Committee members voted against it. Most of the "no" votes appeared to be an expression of dissatisfaction with the lack of progress on pay-per-bag. If the committee is to recommend pay-per-bag and to make the choice available to Waldoboro voters in time for the November elections, then time is short.

Bruce Prior suggested the committee should also look at pay-per-pound as an alternative to pay-per-bag.

Ted Wooster and Will Payson believe the committee should wait until the ordinance has passed and time has passed under the new ordinance to see whether recycling improves. Per-per-bag or other Disposal Methods may not be necessary.

John Higgins said that any analysis of pay per bag should be based upon the actual number of taxpayers, not on the number of residents.

The committee agreed to meet again on April 26th, May 10th, May 24th, June 7th and June 21st to determine the pros and cons of per-per-bag and pay-per-pound.

8. Adjournment

Randy Robbins moved for adjournment and Ted Wooster seconded the motion. All present voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted: Bob Butler and Liz Dinsmore

Approved:

Transfer Station Committee
Town of Waldoboro, Maine:

Bob Butler, Chairman

Ted Wooster, Vice Chairman

Liz Dinsmore, Friendship Select Board and Secretary

(Absent) Terry Gifford, Waste Hauler, Waldoboro

John Higgins, Waldoboro Citizen

Monika Magee, Cushing Citizen

Will Payson, Cushing Select Board

Bruce Prior, Cushing Hauler

Randy Robbins, Cushing Citizen