

Town of Waldoboro, Maine
Transfer Station Committee Meeting Agenda
Municipal Building - 1600 Atlantic Highway
Thursday June 13, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.

1. Sign in and Call to Order
2. Determine the presence of a Quorum (At least 5 Committee members or their duly appointed Alternates must be present).

Voting members present at the meeting were:

Liz Dinsmore, Friendship Select Board
Martha Marchut, Cushing Select Board
Ted Wooster, Waldoboro Select Board
Bruce Prior, Haulers' Representative
Will Payson, Cushing Resident
Robert Butler, Waldoboro Resident
John E. Meyn, Friendship Resident

Also present at the meeting were John Higgins, Waldoboro Alternate; Monika Magee, Cushing Citizen; Randy Robbins, Cushing Alternate; John Spear, Waldoboro Town Manager; Alfred McKay, Transfer Station Operator; and Alan Magee, Cushing Resident

3. Review minutes of May 9th meeting

Will Payson moved and Ted Wooster seconded to accept the minutes of the May 9th meeting. All voting members approved the motion.

4. Staggered Terms.

John Spear suggested the committee consider staggered Terms for Committee members. Ted Wooster made a motion to recommend staggered terms to the Waldoboro Select Board. John Higgins objected to the motion, pointing out that alternates currently serving on the Committee might never have an opportunity to serve as voting members. Others wondered how the terms of alternates would be handled. Ted agreed to table the motion until the next meeting. All voting members agreed, by consensus, with Ted to table the motion.

5. Discuss Lincoln County Recycling – Will Payson

Will Payson pointed to Greg Lounder's memo concerning PERC's successful efforts to burn trash cleanly with a very small carbon footprint. He said someone should convey to the public these positive elements of PERC's operation.

Will Payson asked about Lincoln County Recycling (LCR) and the apparent absence of information about the recycling operation. The Transfer Station has no idea about how much it's recycled with Lincoln County until the end of a given month. Lincoln County does not report how much the people are saving by recycling. He also argued that the incentive for recycling could be more than just saving transport costs to PERC, again alluding to PERC's relatively clean process of burning trash and keeping trash out of landfills.

He pointed to a previous meeting with LCR during which the LCR representatives stated that LCR wants to run a break-even operation. Will argued that such a goal does not justify recycling. The more important reason to recycle is to reduce the fees paid to PERC.

John Spear pointed out that if there's a shortfall in the LCR budget, Waldoboro has to contribute to making up the shortfall with its tax dollars. The other two Transfer Station Partners do not face that potential liability.

John Meyn said the citizens should have the right to know how the LCR operation is progressing. Certain information should be provided on a regular basis, such as:

- Tonnages of various categories recycled
- Revenues produced
- What share of the LCR revenues is attributable to the recycling efforts of the Transfer Station Partners?
- LCR transports recyclables from the transfer station to Lincoln County Recycling at no cost to the Transfer Station. Do the revenues from the sales of recyclables offset those transportation costs?

Will requested that LCR be put on the agenda of the next Transfer Station Committee meeting.

6. Discuss possible changes to Attachment A of the Ordinance (See Liam's marked copy of the ordinance, attached)

The committee members discussed the Waldoboro Town Administrator's suggested points concerning his marked copy of the ordinance, a copy of which the committee chairman had sent to all members prior to the meeting. After extensive discussion of the various points the Waldoboro Town Administrator raised, the committee agreed by consensus to the chairman's suggesting changes to Attachment A that the committee might consider for presentation to the Waldoboro Select Board.

7. Should the Committee establish a task force to work with RSU40 to review recycling and to find ways of reducing MSW going to PERC?

Monika Magee suggested finding young parents who are interested in doing this. They could take a survey of what's going on in the schools and report back to the committee.

It was noted during the discussion that Regional Rubbish has a contract with Pine Tree to pick up trash from all three schools in MSAD40, from Dunkin Donuts, and from a number of other businesses.

8. Review Recycling Guide for Compliance with Ordinance (If a first draft is available)

(A first draft of the Recycling Guide was not available for the meeting.)

The committee chairman brought up Andy Zulieve's request for a place at the Transfer Station where the public can take away discarded but still usable lumber. John Spear pointed out that the ordinance strictly prohibits such activity.

9. Discuss Logo/Mission Statement for Transfer Station Committee

Alan Magee presented a series of alternative logos, which symbolized the three towns' cooperative recycling efforts. He mentioned that the recycling symbol, an idea of Gary Anderson, is 43 years old. It has now become a worldwide symbol.

The Committee members expressed a preference for one of the logo designs, which Alan will develop further.

10. Facility Improvement Recommendations – Pine Tree Drawing showing the Scale. DEP

approval received for May 1st Pine Tree Drawing with implied changes in Transfer Operations. Up-date concerning Bid process for Day Pads

John Spear reported that the bid packages for the day pads have gone out and that DEP has not indicated further modifications are needed. There was concern that DEP might comment on the new operations procedures the day pads will require at the Transfer Station. No such comments have been forthcoming.

11. Martha Marchut's report on April MRC meeting

Martha reported that audience attendance at the April 24th MRC meeting was limited. Community members had no representatives there. Martha was made to feel welcome. The PERC Manager made a Power Point presentation, which took up most of the meeting, about on going repair work. Engineers involved in inspecting the facility were also present. A hauler from one of the towns made the point that he did not want to haul to PERC because the Orrington facility is so far away. He requested that stabilization funds be used to compensate the hauler having to haul a greater distance. MRRC decided against that course of action. The committee discussed new technologies that could be appropriate in scale for Maine. The committee discussed PERC's 2012 environmental record.

Martha expressed her view that the chairman of the MRC meeting should make an effort to help people in the audience understand the nature of some of the more technical issues that were discussed. Martha said the trip to Orono takes a long time, but she'd be willing to go, again. The MRC's next meeting is in July.

12. Have Waldoboro Committee members submitted Applications for Committee Volunteers: 2013/2014

The Committee Chairman reminded those committee members the Waldoboro Select Board appoints need to complete and submit their applications if there is interest.

13. MCEDD Solid Waste Advisory Committee – Discussion

Bob Butler made a brief report concerning the activities of the Mid-Coast Economic Development District's Advisory Committee, which is conducting a study of the recycling and MSW disposal assets in the upper Mid-Coast region. At this stage of the study, the committee is engaged in information gathering. Bob did ask whether there is a contract between Lincoln County Recycling and the Town of Waldoboro for the removal and disposition of the Waldoboro Transfer Station's recyclables. John Spear said he was looking into it and had found nothing thus far.

14. MRRA Tour of Casella Waste Single Stream System in Charlestown, MA, Wednesday, June 26th Meet in Augusta at 0730 Hours. Call or e-mail Sue Martin or Ferg Lea at Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments (AVCOG): 207.783.9186 Bus Transport Provided

Randy and Will indicated an interest in taking part in the tour of the Casella facility in Charlestown.

Events of interest the MRRA is hosting were mentioned at the meeting:

MRRA workshop: Managing Unused Latex Paint – Options in Maine
Monday, July 22nd in Portland (6:00 to 8:00 p.m.)
Tuesday, July 23rd, 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Auburn

Contact Rachel Smith for details: 617.367.8558 ext 304 or rsmith@newmoa.org

15. Comments from the Public

Monika took this opportunity to tell about the educational programs with which she and Alan have been working at the elementary school in Cushing. Beth Heideman, who is the Kindergarten teacher at the Cushing school, integrated recycling into all aspects of the Kindergarten curriculum for the entirety of the school year, whether the subject is math, science, writing, or music. Monica passed around the book the children had written about recycling and dedicated to Alan and Monika.

16. Set agenda items of next committee meeting, scheduled for July 11, 2013

Invite LCR representatives to the meeting.

17. Adjourn. Ted Wooster moved for adjournment. John Meyn seconded the motion. All voting members present voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted: Bob Butler, Chairman and Liz Dinsmore, Secretary

Approved:

Bob Butler, Chairman (Waldoboro Resident)

Ted Wooster, Vice-Chairman (Waldoboro Select Board)

Liz Dinsmore, Secretary (Friendship Select Board)

Martha Marchut, Cushing Select Board

Will Payson, Cushing Resident

Bruce Prior, Waste Hauler

John Meyn (Friendship Resident)
