

Town of Waldoboro, Maine
Minutes: Transfer Station Committee Meeting
Municipal Building - 1600 Atlantic Highway
Thursday October 14, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.

1. Sign in and Call to Order. Will Payson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Determine the presence of a Quorum (At least 5 of the 7 Committee members or their duly appointed alternates must be present.)

The following representatives, or their alternates, were present at the meeting and constituted a quorum:

Ted Wooster, Waldoboro Select Board
Will Payson, Cushing Resident
Liz Dinsmore, Friendship Select Board
John Meyn, Friendship Resident
Terry Gifford, Alternate Hauler sitting in for Bruce Prior
Randy Robbins, Cushing Alternate sitting in for Martha Marchut
John Higgins, Waldoboro Alternate sitting in for Bob Butler

The following individuals were also present at the meeting:

Monica Magee – Cushing Resident
John Daigle - Waldoboro Public Works Department Director
Alfred McKay - Waldoboro Transfer Station Operator
John Spear - Waldoboro Town Manager
Ronald L. Miller - Waldoboro Select Board
Ronald Porter - R & D Trash Removal
Mike and BeeBee Naylor – **Regional Rubbish** Removal
Alan Magee - Cushing Resident

3. Special Meeting to Allow Waldoboro Transfer Station Haulers the Opportunity for a Full Discussion

Will Payson expressed a desire to hold a special committee meeting to provide the haulers with the opportunity to discuss their Waldoboro Transfer Station issues. After discussion, the following motion was made by John E Meyn, seconded, and approved: Moved that the Waldoboro Transfer Station Committee host a meeting two weeks hence, on Thursday, October 24, 2013 at 7 PM, to discuss hauler options under the Ordinance in utilizing the Waldoboro Transfer Station.

John Daigle agreed to provide the necessary meeting publicity to the haulers as they use

the Waldoboro Transfer Station. It was noted there have been no formal hauler complaints made.

4. Ordinance Enforcement Progress - John Daigle reported he is working with Lincoln County Recycling to straighten out the total tonnages for hauled recycled materials. Container data reported against October totals will be added to September. The transfer station has charged 40 individuals for dumping their trash only. This motivated some to separate their recyclable materials on the spot. Ten of the eleven licensed commercial haulers are meeting the Ordinance criteria. One hauler has had to make payment. The Transfer Station employees provide educational material to those accessing the facility. Progress is evident in the resulting learning process.

For home recyclers, the Town of Waldoboro has purchased ten sets of three color-coded plastic recycling bins and has already sold four sets at \$50 per set.

5. Clarify the Article in *Courier Gazette* Concerning Funding - In regard to the proposed Waldoboro Budget, the *Courier Gazette* reported, "It was further explained the money would be taken from a Transfer Station Account to fund (Waldoboro) Public Works." John Spear provided an email correction: "This is a simple inter-fund transfer to reimburse the wages of Waldoboro's Public Works employees who will spend time (starting 9 Sep 2013) working on the day pads."

6. Review Minutes of the September 12th Meeting. Terry Gifford noted a correction. Ref paragraph 4d of the minutes, the last sentence should read that the average appears to be in the range of 20%, instead of 25% to 30%. With this correction, Will Payson moved, with a second from John Higgins, to approve the minutes of the September 12th meeting. All voting members present voted in favor of the motion with the exception of abstentions of the two members who did not attend the September 12th meeting.

7. Follow-up on Lissa Bitterman's presentation on EcoMaine provided at the September 12th meeting. Per her agreement, copies of three types of pro forma contracts were provided members of the Committee.

8. Information on Lincoln County Recycling Budget - John Higgins has been attempting to obtain information about the costs and benefits of the Lincoln County Recycling operation without success. BeeBee Naylor reported that cost information is available in the Lincoln County Annual Report. The County posts the report on its website: www.lcme.org.

The committee discussed over LCR's use of the word "savings" as a benefit it affords the users of its facility. It was suggested that a more appropriate wording could be "cost advantage".

9. LD 1483 - An Act to Promote and Enhance State Policy to Preserve and Support Existing Methods of Disposal of Municipal Solid Waste.

This proposed legislation addresses the end, in 2018, of the agreement between

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Penobscot Energy Recovery Corporation (PERC) and the Charter Communities (including Waldoboro, Cushing and Friendship) to deliver trash to the PERC incinerator in Orrington. There is a concern that tipping fees at PERC could go as high as \$350 per ton—compared to the current tipping fees of about \$90.0 per ton before rebates. On September 6, 2013, the law office of Doyle & Nelson sent a letter to some of members of the Municipal Review Committee (MRC) in support of LD 1483. MRC believes this action was taken on behalf of USA Energy Group, one of the owners of PERC. USA Energy Group supports continued use of the existing PERC technology. The MRC is examining new technology options. As a counter to the law office's letter of September 6th, the MRC sent a letter on September 12, 2013 to all Charter Members communities arguing that LD 1483 is "seriously flawed". MRC has requested Doyle & Nelson to send future correspondence directly to MRC.

Randy Robins moved, with John Higgins's second, that the Transfer Station recommend that Waldoboro's Town Manager correspond with USA Energy Group to advise them to address all future correspondence concerning LD1483 directly to the MRC. All voting members present approved the motion.

10. Discuss Committee Goals for the Next 12 Months –

- Purchase and Install of Transfer Station Scales
- Transfer Station Signage
- Guaranteed Annual Tonnage
- Continued implementation of the Ordinance
- Work with MSAD 40 to review and improve recycling in the schools
- Develop better reporting with LCR
- Continue to consolidate the Transfer Station Committee's identity among the three communities through use of the logo, mission statement, and activities supportive of recycling.
- Find ways of expanding local news coverage. (A weekly column?)
- Continue to follow developments with PERC/MRC
- Investigate Single Stream through EcoMaine and/or Casella
- Progress Report/Recommendation on Scales - John Daigle reports the planning for such is proceeding.

11. Progress Report on Day Pads - John Daigle reported work was underway with a three to four week period needed to complete the barriers.

Respectfully Submitted: John Meyn, Secretary

Approved:

Will Payson, Vice-Chairman (Cushing Resident)

John Meyn, Secretary

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