

# Town of Waldoboro, Maine

## Transfer Station Committee Meeting Minutes

Municipal Building - 1600 Atlantic Hwy.

Thursday, August 13, 2015 and August 20, 2015 in - 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

- A. Sign in and Call to Order: Bob Butler called the meeting to order at 6 PM on Thursday, August 20, 2015.

(Note: Butler did not preside during the meeting of the 13<sup>th</sup> due to a medical emergency. Ron Miller presided at that meeting; Monika Magee took notes. The Committee, by consensus, determined that the meeting of the 13<sup>th</sup> was an informational meeting only. Notes from that meeting are included below, where appropriate)

- B. Determine the Presence of a Quorum (at least five of the seven committee members or their duly appointed alternates must be present).

The following Waldoboro Transfer Station Committee members were present at the August 20<sup>th</sup> meeting and constituted a quorum:

Robert Butler, Waldoboro Resident

Liz Dinsmore, Friendship Select Board

Ted Worcester, Waldoboro Resident

Martha Marchut, Cushing Select Board

Ron Miller, Waldoboro Select Board

- C. Nominations for Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary.

A motion was made and seconded to nominate Bob Butler for chairperson. The motion was passed with a vote of 5 – 0. A motion was made and seconded to nominate Ron Miller for vice chairperson. The motion was passed with a vote of 5 – 0. A motion was made and seconded to nominate John Meyn as secretary. Following a discussion regarding John's availability given recent health issues, the motion was defeated with a vote of 4 – 1. A motion was made and seconded to nominate Martha Marchut as secretary. The motion was passed with a vote of 5 – 0.

- D. Discussion of dates and times for monthly meetings.

A motion was made by Liz Dinsmore and seconded by Ron Miller to continue having monthly meetings on the second Thursday of each month from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. The motion was passed with a vote of 5 – 0.

E. Discussion of agendas and their creation.

A motion was made by Ron Miller and seconded by Ted Wooster to continue to have Bob Butler complete the agendas. The motion was passed with a vote of 5 – 0.

F. Discussion of rules for conducting business during the coming fiscal year.

A motion was made by Ron Miller and seconded by Ted Wooster to continue to follow Roberts Rules of Order. The motion was passed with a vote 5 – 0.

G. Completion of contact information sheet.

The contact information sheet is complete with the exception of information for Wayne Luce. The missing information will be gathered.

H. Minutes of the July 9 meeting

The minutes of the July 9 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Ted Wooster and seconded by Ron Miller to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved with a vote of 5 - 0.

I. MRC announcement concerning landfill access for Fiberight project through Waste Management and Crossroads Disposal Facility in Norridgewock.

Disposal cost is \$42 per ton for the first year the Fiberight facility is in operation with a backup fee of \$62 per ton in subsequent years.

J. Review of waste hauler applications .

A motion was made by Ron Miller and seconded by Ted Wooster to approve the following waste hauler applications:

Benjamin Lash, Nova Rubbish Removal

Gerald Allen, Allen's Trash Removal

Liam Ducharme, D/B/A A-Plus Recycling and Rubbish  
Removal

Charles Peters, CP Trash Removal

Wayne Luce

Mark Miller, Miller Commercial Cleaning

Ronald Porter/Douglas Collins, R and D Trash Removal

Lemuel Miller/Rod Miller

Roger Feltis/melody Feltis, Outlaw Trash Removal

Joe's Rubbish

The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0.

Ron Miller suggested that the duty of reviewing and approving hauler applications be removed from the purview of the transfer station committee and that this duty be assigned to Waldoboro Select Board. Bob Butler indicated that Attachment A of the ordinance had been changed two years ago to give the Transfer Station Committee the responsibility to review applications because of issues the Town Office was confronting at the time. He said a revision to Attachment A would require a Transfer Station Committee recommendation to the Waldoboro Select Board. Bob will put this on the September agenda.

K. Report from John Daigle on Scales and Other Matters.

This item was covered at the Transfer Station Committee's August 13, 2015 meeting. Monika Magee's notes from that meeting indicate Daigle's confirmation that the punch list for the scale was completed as of 8/13/2015. Daigle contacted the State of Maine authority to certify the scales. Once certified, the scales will become operational. Daigle handed out Pine Tree Engineering's Landfill Fee Study dated December 27, 2001. He reported that the Select Board has approved the fee schedule going forward. Daigle mentioned the engineer's suggestion that the transfer station gather scale information for its first 6 months of use. Al McKay will be trained on the use of the scales. On another matter, Daigle also noted that he had placed a "Help Wanted" ad for a transfer station attendant to work 30 hours per week, including Saturdays. No one had applied as of August 13<sup>th</sup>. Daigle also mentioned that DEP is suggesting the transfer station should send sheetrock off-site instead of placing it into the landfill. Lincoln County Recycling has not submitted any reports to the Waldoboro Town Office for months.

L. Update: pilot composting program for Lincoln County.

Monka Magee's notes from the August 13, 2015 meeting say that transfer station staff moved the composting bins closer to the hopper. The station is now collected about 1 bin of compost per week. Users appear to be happy with the more convenient placement of the compost bins. Ted Wooster asked if there are problems with hazardous waste. Daigle reported that the Nobleboro Transfer Station is providing information about pesticides and other hazardous waste. Daigle said it costs a town about \$20,000 to sponsor a free collection day. Daigle is looking into a program for hazardous waste disposal, which will inform people about DEP-approved disposal locations. He said that all hazardous waste goes to a DEP-approved site in Auburn.

M. Report of subcommittees.

1. Pay as you throw (Marchut/Butler). Marchut and Butler are scheduled to meet with Bill Najpauer, Mid-Coast Council of Governments, on September 3.
2. Integrate with the Municipal Review Committee's post-PERC vision and follow developments through to termination of the charter community's relationship with PERC on March 31, 2018(Butler/Meyn). Nothing new to report.
3. Improve communications with waste haulers (Robbins/Marchut). Nothing new to report. Marchut and Robbins will meet before the next transfer station committee meeting.
4. Complete a cost-benefit analysis of the new transfer station scale (Higgins/Gifford). No information can be provided until the scale is fully operational.
5. Complete a cost-benefit analysis of Lincoln County recycling (Higgins/Gifford). During the August 13<sup>th</sup> meeting John Higgins reported that Lincoln County is not posting information about their recycling program's costs and revenues. Terry Gifford reported, "Everything is down". Some places are even charging to transport cardboard. Daigle emphasized that single stream continues to have contamination issues. Contamination is increased because of single stream. He mentioned that EcoMaine would reject an entire load of single-stream recycled materials if contamination were more than 2%. Regarding the meeting MRC held in Rockland at the end of July, there was some disagreement concerning Fiberight's recycling policy. Daigle came away from that meeting believing that MRC member communities will be expected to delivery ALL of their solid waste to the new Fiberight facility, including recyclables. Martha Marchut said that if the communities send all solid waste to Fiberight, including recyclables, hauling fees would increase because more tonnage will be hauled. Daigle thought Fiberight would charge different tipping fees for trash and recyclables and expressed the notion that the more communities send to Fiberight, the cheaper the per-ton cost.

(Note: On August 22, 2014 Bob Butler sent the follow e-mail to Greg Louder to obtain clarity:

Quote Butler's e-mail:

During our most recent Transfer Station Committee meeting, there was some confusion. I'm hoping you can clear it up.

The confusion stems from the meeting MRC held at the end of July in Rockland. It centers on Fiberight's recycling policy.

Some people are under the impression that signing up with Fiberight would require participating communities to send ALL of their solid waste, including recyclables, to Fiberight. The concern? That practice could run counter to community efforts to increase recycling and to decrease garbage that is shipped. Some felt it would interfere with a Pay-as-you-Throw system because it would actually discourage the separation of recyclables from garbage. The

impression was that Fiberight wanted to do the separating, that it did not want the participating communities to do the separating.

Has this issue been explored with Fiberight? Have MRC and Fiberight achieved a resolution of this issue or is the matter still under discussion?

Unquote

Greg Louder, MRC, wrote to Bob Butler on August 24<sup>th</sup> and clarified the issue as follows:

“We realized that there may have been confusion on this issue, and we are in the process of writing an explanation to the members on this issue. Participating communities will have all of the flexibility to make recycling decisions locally, be it source separated recycling, zero sort with another vendor & so on. The Fiberight recycling option will be available to those who choose to use it. All towns will get credit for recyclables that were missed locally and delivered to the facility in the regular MSW stream.”

On a final note, Daigle emphasized that the Fiberight residuals that go to the Fiberight landfill will be less than the residual ash PERC produces, now.

6. Establish a clear understanding of the use of the scales for haulers and residents (Daigle/Robbins/Miller). Nothing new to report.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM by a vote of 5 – 0.

Respectfully Submitted:

Monika Magee (August 13<sup>th</sup>), Martha Marchut, and Bob Butler

Approved:

Liz Dinsmore (Friendship Select Board)

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Bob Butler, Chairman (Waldoboro resident)

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Ron Miller, Vice Chair (Waldoboro Select Board)

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Martha Marchut, Secretary (Cushing Select Board)

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Ted Wooster (Waldoboro Resident)