

MINUTES OF MEETING

A meeting of the **Ad Hoc Transfer Station Review Committee** was held in Meeting Room A of the CJH Municipal Center, 1 School St. Bethel, CT on October 8, 2015

**Present:** A.J. Bernard, Nicholas Ellis, Kitty Grant, B.J. Liberty, Keven Sheehan, transfer station manager Mike Flanagan, ex-officio Selectman Paul Szatkowski

**Absent:** None

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm.  
Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Minutes of the September 24, 2015 meeting were approved with a motion of K.Grant, second by N.Ellis, all in favor.

**Old Business:**

Transfer Station Site Visit- AJ Bernard, K.Grant, and BJ Liberty toured the site with M.Flanagan. AJ Bernard had pictures and site maps showing the present structures, wetlands, and proposed "solar farm". BJ Liberty presented a summary of their findings and questions from the transfer station visit:

- How much land does the solar farm need? We have only 60 Amps now and need much more to run compactor; could solar farm provide the 220 volts in 3 phase that would be needed?
- Can town crew dig trench so that transfer station can have more than 60 amps?
- Why did PUC put trenching project on hold?
- Could other lines (phone and computer) be put in trench?

Town transports to Winters Bros. in Danbury 3 or 4 trips per week on Monday and Friday afternoon.

Material	Frequency	Cost	Where to?		
Plastic/glass	2/week (20 yds)	\$10/ton	Winters		
Cardboard	2/week	free	Winters		
Mixed paper	Every 2 weeks	\$10/ton	Winters		
E-waste	Every other Monday	Free-State sponsored	New Tech Recycling		
Metal	< 1/month	Pays \$.01 / pound			
Mattress	As needed	Free	Bridgeport		
Waste Oil	As needed	Free currently	CT Waste Oil	Price may go up b/c of PCB contamination problem	
Cooking oil	1/ year	Free			

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If we had the compactor, we would still pay \$10/ton dumping fee and \$250 per haul to Winters Bros.

We have old bids to get more electricity to Transfer Station:

April 2014- S & S Electric \$20,000 with trench included  
Losito Electric \$15,700 with trench included

There were about 1600 permits per year pre-Winters Bros. (offered low price and curbside recycling, provided containers). Now, we struggle to get 1200 permits. Permit is not required to drop off leaves.

Currently we charge \$.20 per pound to dump; would need to increase to maybe \$.36 per pound to break even.

If there was more money available, the containers need to be repaired and/or replaced.

A walk-about the property, including the currently open space on the hill was conducted. (It seemed to be a graveyard for extra piping. BJ)

Items to follow up on:

- Talk to Lisa for her feedback of what people say about Transfer Station and costs when they buy stickers.
- Research current recycling at Municipal Center and schools.
- Recycling coordinator would provide publicity and education, especially to schools.
- Need publicity – people don't know what is available. Is there still a Welcome Wagon or does Chamber of Commerce have a welcome program? Real estate agents would be a source of information.

Discussion followed regarding costs in making improvements; potential ways to get more revenue.

P. Szatkowski reported that the committee's request for an A2 survey was turned down at this time by the Board of Selectman since Ameresco will be doing an A2 of the property in order to plan the "solar farm".

New Business:

The costs of present operations versus alternatives were discussed. M. Flanagan would like to pursue creating a composting area which will create a new revenue stream.

Bethel Comptroller, Robert Kozlowksi is slated to attend the November 5 meeting to give the committee information about the Transfer Station's revenues and debts.

A representative from HRAA has also been asked to attend the November meeting to explain the recycling requirements.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m. with a motion by K. Grant, second by K. Sheehan, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda Curtis  
Recording Secretary