

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 June 2, 2016

Present: A.J. Bernard, Nick Ellis, Kitty Grant, B.J. Liberty, Kevin Sheehan, ex-officio Paul Szatkowski

Absent: None

Guests: Transfer station manager Mike Flanagan, Phil Lopresti of Lopresti Carting

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 pm by AJ Bernard.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Minutes of the April 7, 2016 meeting: BJ Liberty corrected typo of "Harford" to "Hartford". Mr. Szatkowski noted that although he is not a voting member of the committee, he is an ex-officio member. N. Ellis made a motion to approve the minutes with those two amendments, second by K. Grant, all in favor. K. Sheehan abstained.

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Representative from Winter Bros. was not available for this meeting.

Old Business:

Transfer Station Sign – Mr. Flanagan informed the committee that the requested sign for the Transfer Station is still in the design stage.

Discussion of "no fee" proposal:

AJ Bernard made a motion to eliminate the permit fee and to raise the per pound fee to .40/pound. There was no second and the motion was dropped.

N. Ellis made a motion to propose eliminating the permit fee and keeping the per pound fee to .20/pound. K. Grant seconded the motion. Discussion followed regarding the loss of revenue from permit fees to be offset by the potential increase in usage.

Motion was passed with a 4 to 1 vote, BJ Liberty casting the dissenting vote.

N. Ellis made a motion to amend his previous motion to include giving AJ Bernard permission to draft a letter to the P.U.C. with the committee's preliminary recommendations. K. Grant seconded. The motion passed on the same 4 to 1 split.

Review of Transfer Station permit – The permit allows the Bethel Transfer Station to take in up to 1000 tons a day, including demolition materials. This limit does not include clean wood, grass, and leaves. The cost is \$800 a year.

Review statements of the April 7 guests:

Discussion ensued, with Mr. Lopresti adding his insights and recommendation to outsource the management of the Transfer Station. The committee addressed the need for Bethel to get credit for their tonnage, no matter who was hauling it or

where they were taking it, in order to meet the HRRRA contractual commitments which are in place through 2019.

New Business:

Bringing in more users to the Transfer Station and next meeting assignments:

HRRRA needs to be contacted to get marketing materials to insert on Bethel website.

BJ Liberty recommended getting speakers to address the various clubs and organizations in town regarding recycling. AJ Bernard requested that BJ Liberty and K. Grant put together a list of the Bethel clubs.

Mr. Flanagan will arrange for the team to do a site visit of Winter Bros. in Danbury. Winter Bros. will be invited to attend the next committee meeting. He will also update the committee on the sign status at the July meeting.

The State has given the go-ahead to some of the solar farm projects that were put on hold. The Federal government has set a November deadline for funding. It was requested that this item be put on the July agenda as well as a briefing of the HRRRA meeting held this past April in Hartford.

K. Grant made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm, N. Ellis seconded, all in favor.

The next meeting will be on July 7, 2016 at 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Linda Curtis
Recording Secretary