

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 August 11, 2016

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

Absent: None

Guests: Transfer station manager Mike Flanagan

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by AJ Bernard.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Minutes of the July 7, 2016 meeting were approved on a motion by K. Grant, second by B.J. Liberty with one correction made by Ms. Liberty that the rescheduled August meeting date should have said "Thursday" not "Wednesday"; all in favor.

Old Business:

M. Flanagan presented the mock-up for the new 3' x 4' road sign for the transfer station. Discussion followed regarding the size, placement of Bethel town logo, and list of departments.

M. Flanagan also informed the committee that surveying was being done on the property in preparation for the Solar Farm proposal.

New Business:

Kevin Sheehan summarized some of the recommendations from the previous Transfer Station Committee's special meeting on March 1, 2011.

- Increase the annual permit fee from \$30 to \$50 per vehicle.
- Increase the commercial hauler municipal registration fee to \$250 annually.
- Hire a part-time person rather than utilizing a Highway Department employee at overtime rates when additional help is required at the Transfer Station
- Leaf disposal costs should be shifted to the Public Works Department account since the curbside leaf collection is a benefit to all Bethel residents, not just Transfer Station permit holders.
- Annual household hazardous waste collection costs should be transferred to the Public Health Department account for the same reason.
- The 2011 Committee recommended against privatization of the Transfer Station due to "quality of life" concerns, meaning that they were worried that there would be additional truck traffic in residential areas.

Of these recommendations, hiring a part-time employee was the only item not implemented.

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The Transfer Station survey will be going out to town residents after Labor Day. The Selectman's office plans to send out postcards with a tear-off return portion that will contain the survey.

BJ Liberty reported on the results of the survey conducted at the transfer station. The comments were very positive. Users of the transfer station praised the staff and cited the low cost and desire to recycle as reasons for availing themselves of this town amenity.

Priority one still needs to be getting information out to the public. The HRRRA representatives are planning visits to area schools to educate children about the need to recycle.

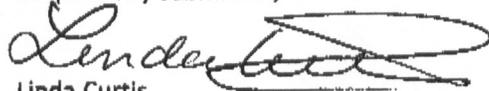
August 29 is the revised site visit date for Winter Brothers in Shelton. Ryan Bingham of Winter Bros. will be asked to work up a proposal for bringing in and operating compactors at the Bethel Transfer Station. Approximately \$8000 will be required to trench and install the electrical conduit that would be needed to run the compactor. However, long-term cost reductions would be realized by eliminating the need to purchase new containers and reducing the number of drops at the dump.

Further discussion of what options to recommend were tabled pending receipt of the town-wide surveys and proposal from Winter Brothers for the compactors.

N. Ellis made a motion to move the next meeting which is scheduled for September 1 to the following Thursday, September 8. K. Sheehan seconded the motion, all in favor

BJ Liberty made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by K. Grant, all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda Curtis
Recording Secretary