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*Minutes
Selectboard
Saturday, November 4, 2017*

Selectboard members present: Brendan Denehy, Tom Humphreys, Valerie Ogden and Eddie Arnold as well as Town Administrator Tad Putney.
Also present Joan Cudworth, Hollis Solid Waste Supervisor.

Meeting opened at 1:10 pm.

Tour of Hollis Transfer Station

Joan provided the Board members with background on her role over the past 16 years. She noted that she has a HazMat license, a CDL and is a plow driver for the town. She reports to the Director of Public Works. Over her 16 years, the biggest changes have been the addition of water (and septic) and generally cleaning up the facility.

Metal Pile

Metal is left on the ground by residents, similar to Brookline's approach, but is then picked up and deposited into one of two 50-yard roll-off containers. A loader is used. Joan noted the roll-offs were purchased with a 50% grant from "NH the Beautiful" and cost about \$2,500 each. The roll-offs are removed by Slocum when full and the money from the metal goes to the town, as it does in Brookline. Using the bins keeps the metal area much more contained and clean. Items with freon are put off to the side and drained of freon at a cost to the town of about \$8 per item. The staff cuts the cords and places them in a separate pile for the higher value of cooper and the units are then placed in the metal bins. Residents are not charged for these items.

Propane Tanks

Joan noted the NRRA takes the propane tanks every 3-4 months as they do not want them to accumulate for too long. They do not charge residents for them.

Tires

Hollis does charge residents for tires. **Joan** noted that both Hollis and Brookline are permitted to put up to 15 rimless tires into each trash compactor bin. She suggested that Brookline should dispose of its rimless tires this way to reduce both the costs of disposal and the accumulation tires.

Electronics

Hollis accepts electronics at all times and does charge for TVs and monitors. They bought a 40-foot long metal storage container from Souhegan Regional Landfill

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District (SRLD) for \$1. There are large cardboard boxes in the container that sit on wooden pallets. Residents go into the storage container and place their electronics in the boxes. The storage container is emptied about five times a year at a cost of about \$1,300 per time. Mice and keyboards are placed in the trash. **Joan** said Amherst uses a similar approach for electronics.

Batteries, Flags, Oil

Attendees saw a shed where batteries, flags and oil are left. Any oil is left in its container for staff to empty. The Hollis transfer station uses used motor oil for heating its building. She noted that they do not take anti-freeze. Anyone looking to dispose of old gas is directed to the regular Household Hazardous Waste Collection events in Nashua and Milford.

Florescent Bulbs

Joan said that they collect florescent bulbs and the State of NH has the lowest cost for disposal – lower than NRRA.

Precious Metals

On rainy days, **Joan** and her staff separate precious metals for the enhanced revenue. These include cooper, aluminum, radiators and other precious metals which are placed in separate large cardboard boxes within a locked building.

Ashes

Ashes are collected in several metal 55-gallon drums and then emptied in compost.

Recycling

The following items have separate bins for recycling and no steps are needed to place items in the bins:

- Newspapers and magazines
- Mixed paper; compacted like in Brookline
- Translucent milk jugs; which provide revenue of about \$1,400 per load as they can be made into any color plastic. These are compacted.
- Other plastic; compacted
- Aluminum cans; compacted
- Glass
- Steel cans

Plastic bags

There are several large plastic garbage cans that are used to recycle plastic bags. This effort was recently initiated by a high school student and **Joan** said it has been very successful.

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Trash Compactors

Joan explained that Hollis has two trash compactors – like Brookline. She noted that while Brookline charges residents to dispose of furniture and larger items, Hollis does not. Both trash compactors are open all of the time, unlike Brookline.

“Still Good” Table

Joan noted that she moved the Still Good Table from the area near the trash compactors to a separate section of the facility to improve traffic flow. She said that at the beginning of each day, the staff clears out the “Still Good” table (either to trash or Beaver Brook boxes) to minimize accumulation. She said this prohibits bees and rain from collecting in items, such as plastic toys, etc.

Staffing

Joan said that there are two staff members during the weekdays and three on Saturdays.

First Aid

Joan noted that they have one first aid kit at each end of the facility for better proximity in the event access is needed. She said that they have an AED at the transfer station and all employees are CPR certified.

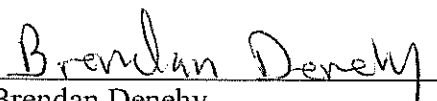
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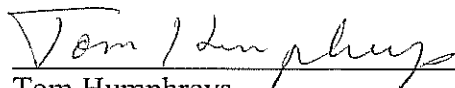
Joan noted that “NH the Beautiful” is a great source for grant funds for signage and other items. It was noted that they have a front-end loader and small excavator on site, which Brookline does not. All brush, compost and construction debris is collected at a different location known as the Stump Dump. She suggested we pursue compacting more recycling items with the District in order to reduce hauling costs and increase revenues. She said the priority would be aluminum cans given their relative value. She also noted that she always has a radio with her that has a panic button to Dispatch in the event assistance is needed.

Joan stated her opinion was that Brookline did not require a baler for recyclables.


Meeting adjourned at 2:25pm.

Minutes submitted by Tad Putney.


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Tom Humphreys

Valerie Ogden


Eddie Arnold