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Transfer Station Evaluation Committee

Minutes

Wednesday, September 26th, 2018

Attendees included committee members Jim Solinas, Peter Lemay, Guy Wadsworth, Ron Olsen, Joan Cudworth, Mike Wenrich and Tad Putney.

Jim opened the meeting at 6:30pm. **Guy** agreed to be the timekeeper.

Public Input

None.

Minutes

Mike moved, seconded by Guy, to approve the September 5th minutes as amended; Voted Yes 6-0-1, Joan abstained. Mike moved, seconded by Peter, to approve the September 19th minutes as written; Voted Yes 6-0-1, Joan abstained.

New Compactor

Mike said that we are waiting for the factory representative to come and review the set-up before it is turned on. He is due to be here tomorrow or Friday. **Jim** said that tomorrow he will get samples hanging from the roof of the new compactor so residents know what items go into it. **Tad** suggested we also need to provide guidance at the mixed plastics bins to keep residents from placing translucent jugs there. **Mike** suggested putting the whiteboard at the mixed plastics bins and some pictures on a Facebook post; he will assist **Jim** tomorrow. **Peter** suggested we should also get information onto the town website. **Tad** said he will once it is ready for operation.

Open Action Items

Jim mentioned the oil shed needs re-shingling. **Joan** suggested saving the receipts for grant reimbursement and that she can assist. **Mike** said he is expecting a quote for the roof this week. **Tad** said we are also expecting a quote this week for a new set of stairs to replace the existing two stairs that go to the trash compactors. **Peter** said he would like to see us drill down on the single, annual SRLD cost figure Brookline pays, so we can understand what goes into the number and include the added detail in the annual town report. **Tad** said that he thinks we will have the information necessary to do so, but would want to use the 2019 SRLD figure for the coming year's report and the deadline for getting it into the town report is around the first week in February.

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Site Walk Takeaways

Ron suggested we focus on the takeaways from the site walk. He suggested that if we can separate metal in a knowledgeable way, we could see some increased revenue and that is a stride in the right direction. **Joan** expressed concern about being able to effectively do it with existing staff only. **Tad** said we need to get some figures on paper regarding the potential costs and benefits for the 2019 budget and he has initially included five additional hours per week for someone to work on separating metals. **Joan** said in her experience siding is not worth the effort. **Peter** said we need to follow-up with **Dana** at Schnitzer as we have not heard from him following his visit and his suggestions on how they would help us with a roll-off and gaylords. **Joan** said they filled about one Gaylord with brass last year and got around \$800 for it, excluding trucking. She said it takes Hollis about one year to fill a Gaylord of aluminum wheels.

Guy suggested we return to the site walk takeaways. He said the immediate issues he saw were replacing the stairs to the trash compactors and roof on the oil shed as well as the new cardboard trailer, which will be sought through the SRLD in 2019. **Peter** asked about the rear trash trailer and **Tad** said that was viewed as more of a 2020 replacement through SRLD. **Peter** added that some tree trimming/removal is needed to improve lighting. **Mike** said he will take a look at it tomorrow. **Peter** asked if the tires need a cover and **Joan** said no. **Tad** said that they do need a berm around them. **Peter** said we could use a 50-yard roll-off for light iron and it would also require a loader. **Tad** said that **Mike** will be seeking a warrant article for a piece of equipment in 2019 that would provide for this ability. **Jim** added that we will need to monitor the retaining walls around the trash compactors.

General Discussion

Tad said that he does not see the committee recommending a warrant article for the 2019 town meeting, but feels we need to start getting our findings and recommendations on paper. **Peter** said he agrees that we would not seek a warrant article in 2019, but he would like to see the planning that occurs in 2019 for a DPW facility also include consideration of future changes at the Transfer Station as well as potential sharing of water, bathrooms, etc.

On the topic of the third recyclables compactor, **Mike** suggested we look at our options for what to put in it at the next meeting. **Tad** suggested we could start by relooking at the cost-benefit analysis we did earlier in the summer for the second compactor and update the pricing for the discussion.

Jim reviewed the 2018 SRLD revenue figures through the end of September. He said recycling revenue was about \$34,000, which would annualize to about \$50,000 for the year. He said this figure compares to 2017 annual revenue of \$116,000. **Tad** asked **Joan** about a projection for SRLD costs in 2019. She said she expects them to increase, but feels that it would be less than 10%.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be at 6:30pm on Wednesday, October 24th in the Town Hall meeting room.

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Next Meeting Agenda Items

Peter asked to confirm the next meeting's agenda items and members agreed on the following:

- Update on third compactor
- Discuss the type(s) of recyclables to be placed in the next compactor
- Review bus tour takeaways
- Review draft committee report

Mike moved, seconded by Guy, to adjourn the meeting; Voted Yes 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Minutes submitted by Tad Putney.