

Town of Pembroke
Solid Waste & Recycling Committee
Meeting: Wednesday January 13, 2010
DPW Office, Exchange Street, Pembroke

MINUTES

Present:

David Jodoin, Town Administrator
Chris Culberson, Committee member
Gerry Fleury, Committee member
Sally Hyland, Committee Chair
Cindy Lewis, Selectman - Selectmen's rep
Jim Boisvert, DPW Director
Reno Nadeau

1. Meeting started at 6:40 pm. A quorum was present.
2. Updates:
 - a. Notification mailing
 - JB: should be in mailboxes this week
 - Kudos to Amanda & Reno for their work on the mail list
 - b. Cart Sales
 - Sign at Safety Center
 - Before Xmas, \$24,000 worth of carts were sold (almost 400)
 - Order requirement: Toter rep says 4-6 wks for order, so order must be placed by mid Feb; money is in the account. Franklin NH carts will be delivered in early April, & Pembroke deliveries could occur just before or after. Green cart covers will be sent. Carts will be delivered to schools and library.
 - c. Website
 - Currently, the notification letter, order form and poster are on the website.
 - Only Linda Williams can make changes to the Town's website.
3. Recycling Plans for Town programs:
 - a. Recreation Department:
 - Issues: the cost of the carts. Little League is asking about who is going to pay for carts;
 - They have trash containers now, and need something for recycling; may need to be larger than 96-gal; no trash picked up at White Sands.

Possibly, the grant request to New Hampshire the Beautiful could include recycling carts for town programs as well as for residents who can't afford carts.

Consensus: Recreation program should pay for carts.

Main Street & Glass Street trash containers: eliminate them rather than try to add recycling carts (concern = contamination).

4. Public Buildings & Facilities Plan

There are enough sample carts to cover the town buildings - Town Hall, Perry Eaton bldg, library and the Safety Center; decals may be added, since they are not imprinted.

Schools: current program is mixed paper only

PA: 1,000 students + ~200 staff

There is a Green Team at schools, which is anxious to do as much recycling as possible.

There should be 2 dumpsters at each school: 1 for trash and 1 for single stream recycling;

5. Littlefields

Letters were sent to residents of Littlefields, as current receivers of Town collection service. There is a rumor that the complex may go to a private hauler. However, if residents buy carts, then we must continue to pick up.

6. Casella letter

Letter received from Casella. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ months ago, per ton cost is now \$23 (2 months ago the cost was \$37 / ton). Industry news is that Casella is selling some properties; Mark Evans told Jim that Allenstown would be kept.

NRRA also brokers single stream, and now charges \$10 / ton delivered to Belmont. (At \$0.55 / mile, and a split-body truck, it would be cheaper to go to Casella).

CRSWRRC meeting next week.

7. Transfer Station fees

Changes recommended by DPW are based on average of what nearby communities charge.

Construction and demolition material: Hooksett fees for demo are higher

CC: Difficult to measure without a scale; high cost that is not covered by existing fees.

GF: he's come full circle and thinks that we should get away from accepting demo at the Transfer Station. Pembroke residents can go to Concord Transfer Station and pay by the weight.

The weight and density of some construction materials, such as roof shingles, may be incongruent with their volume. Therefore, the actual disposal cost may not be covered by the fees charged on the basis of volume.

Furniture can be handled at the Transfer Station, and charged accordingly, as a rate that covers the cost of disposal. Upholstered furniture is categorized as Municipal Solid Waste, not as demo. Add loveseat at \$6.

Electronics, charges are only for monitors & TVs; no charges for other components.

Wooden furniture - no charge, put into trash.

Add dishwasher to list of appliances.

Add fee of \$5 for any gas-operated power tool (weed wacker, etc).

Board of Selectmen must make the decision about eliminating C & D at the Transfer Station, after a public hearing; the decision does not have to go to Town Meeting. The Committee can make the recommendation to the Board of Selectmen.

MOTION (CC, second + GF) To accept the revisions to the Transfer Station fee schedule, and to recommend to the Board of Selectmen to eliminate construction and demolition debris as a waste accepted at the Transfer Station. Passed unanimously.

8. Other Business

Do residents have to be at home when carts are delivered? No.

Need to determine which streets need to be designated as "no parking on trash day." Kimball Street, Millard, Front Street, Main Street, Glass Street = possibilities. DPW must come up with list of streets for "no parking on trash day."

Next meeting: Wednesday February 3, 2009, 6:30 pm.

9. Adjournment

MOTION (GF, second = SOH): to adjourn. PASSED unanimously. Meeting ended at 8:25 pm.

Memo to the Board of Selectmen

The Solid Waste and Recycling Committee has reviewed the fees charged at the Transfer Station and recommend the following: