

Hopkinton/Webster Landfill Committee  
Minutes of March 6, 2008

The meeting opened at 7:10 pm. at the Webster Town Hall.

Present: Robert Drown Sr., Linda Hook, Louise Carr, Peter Russell & Asst. PW Supt. Steven Clough

Absent: Karen Irwin & Gordon Welch

Also Present: Webster Selectman Tom Mullins

February 14, 2008 minutes were approved with revisions. It was the general consensus of the committee to have minutes distributed to the members electronically within 72 hours for editing then the final draft will be sent to all members of the committee, both Boards of Selectman and posted on the Hopkinton's VTH Website. Webster will provide a link to Hopkinton for their residents to review the minutes.

Steve Clough provided the committee with a Fee Recommendations Sheet. Chairman Russell led a discussion of each of the recommendations and were voted upon as follows:

- 1.) Increase septage disposal fee from \$40/1,000 gallons to \$50/\$1,000 gallons. This increase would keep the fee within market norms and has the potential of increasing revenues approximately \$10,000 a year depending upon the variance in the annual quantity of septage.  
Robert Drown made the motion to increase the fee, seconded by Linda Hook motion carried 4 - 0.
- 2.) Increase fee of \$40 to \$60 to commercial enterprises when transfer station requires being open on unscheduled days of operation due to emergencies. This increased fee will offset the cost of an employee that receives two hours of overtime whenever he is required to come in on their day off.  
Louise Carr made the motion to increase the fee charged for emergency opening of the transfer station, seconded by Linda Hook, motion carried 4 - 0.

Chairman Russell inquired if the Hopkinton State Fair Association were being charged the true costs for an employee who has to open the transfer station during Labor Day Weekend due to the volume of trash generated during the fair. Steve Clough will discuss this with Hopkinton's finance director and report his findings back to the committee for the April meeting.

- 3.) Steve Clough asked if the committee was in concurrence with the fee schedule he developed regarding the disposal of C&D. Current disposal fee for mixed C&D is \$100 per ton with an actual cost to the transfer station to dispose C&D at \$98.74. To encourage the separation of C&D materials, contractors will receive a reduced rate of \$75 ton if shingles and wood have been sorted prior to dumping. This reduces the disposal cost to the transfer station by approximately 50% or roughly \$53 ton. Residents make up approximately 65% of C&D disposal with no fee if under 400 lbs and have willingly separated the materials upon disposal.  
Louise Carr made a motion to continue the current C&D Disposal Program, seconded by Robert Drown, motion carried 4 - 0.
- 4.) Steve Clough explained to the committee the ban on all electronics in the trash. Residents have the ability to recycle all electronics at the transfer station free of charge and commercial entities are charged only the actual costs for disposal. The committee agreed with this philosophy as it keeps electronics out of the incinerator and from emitting toxins into the environment.  
Robert Drown made the motion, seconded by Linda Hook to continue the electronic recycling program as outlined. Motion carried 4 - 0.

Steve Clough will write the ordinances for the new fee structures and send them electronically to all committee members for their review prior to April's meeting. Upon review by the committee, the ordinances will be given to the respective Board of Selectman for their approval.

Chairman Russell distributed the 3-5 Plan Schedule and Fee Restructuring Recommendation to all committee members and requested that the committee study the information and be prepared for discussion at our next meeting in April.

Next meeting will be April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2008, 7:00 pm. at the Slusser Senior Center in Contoocook.

Meeting adjourned 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Louise Carr