

Hopkinton/Webster Landfill Committee  
Minutes of April 14, 2008

The meeting opened at 7:00 pm. at the Slusser Senior Center in Contoocook.

Present: Robert Drown, Peter Russell, Karen Irwin, Louise Carr & Asst. PW Supt. Steve Clough

Also Present: Webster Selectman Tom Mullins

Absent: Gordon Welch & Linda Hook

The committee discussed changes to the Hopkinton/Webster Landfill Committee website which will now list terms of office for Hopkinton members as follows: Louise Carr term expires in 2009, Karen Irwin in 2010 and Peter Russell in 2011. Webster member's terms had been previously established. Minutes of the meetings will be placed in a folder on the website that will contain all current meeting minutes and prior minutes will be posted once they have been sent electronically to Steve for posting.

Discussion was held regarding rules for decision-making and it was agreed that a majority vote by all present members would be considered binding. In the event that there is not equal representation from both towns then it will be decided to either wait until the next meeting when a full committee is present or in the case of 3 members from one town is present and 2 members from the other then the third member will volunteer to abstain to allow equal representation on voting matters. In cases where there is a tie vote the matter will then be brought to the Board of Selectman in both towns for resolution.

Due to members responsibilities outside of the committee that may result in missing meetings it was suggested that both towns Board of Selectman appoint alternates to the committee so as to maintain equal representation from both towns.

The fee recommendations that was approved by the committee at the March meeting will now be recommended to both towns Board of Selectman and the committee also recommends that they hold a joint public hearing to adapt the revised ordinances that reflects the increased fees.

Fee restructuring for trash haulers was discussed in length. Discussions surrounded the cost benefits to both towns and it would provide incentive to the haulers to separate recyclables. Due to Webster having 2 members absent a vote to increase hauler fees was tabled until the next meeting.

Chairman Russell distributed information from the Department of Environmental Services regarding two contaminated wells and the proposed solutions. It was recommended that future correspondences be given to the committee in a timely fashion for discussion and recommendations to the Boards.

Chairman Russell explained that the Hopkinton Board of Selectman had asked him to come next week to give a brief overview of the committee's goals and objectives. He will ask the Hopkinton Selectman on behalf of the committee to keep the committee informed of all correspondences and to allow the committee to come to a consensus prior to taking any action requiring a vote.

Chairman Russell asked the committee to be prepared to discuss at the next meeting the Environmental Center Proposal that was submitted by Steve Clough and list of objectives the committee should consider.

Next meeting will be May 1, 2008 in Webster at 7:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Louise Carr