

Hopkinton/Webster Landfill Committee  
Minutes of September 4, 2008

The meeting opened at 7:00 pm. at the Webster Town Hall.

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

Also present: Webster Selectman Tom Mullins & Frank Davis

Absent: Peter Russell & Sally Embley

Steve Clough notified the committee that Chairman Peter Russell has requested a leave of absence from the Landfill Committee. The committee will revisit the opening of this position in January if Peter decides not to return as a member of this committee. It was agreed by those present that Karen Irwin would act as interim Chair. Karen mentioned that Richard (Stretch) Kennedy was interested in serving on the Landfill Committee as an alternate and his name will be submitted to the Hopkinton Board of Selectmen for their approval and appointment. Presently Chris Lawless is listed as the alternate but due to the fact that he is now a Hopkinton Selectman the committee did not think he should continue to serve as the alternate.

The August minutes were approved with several amendments.

The Hopkinton Board of Selectmen had requested of the committee by email an explanation of the objective, "to protect the interests of private haulers". The committee has authorized Karen to respond on behalf of the committee explaining that private haulers are residents of our towns who are providing a valuable service and that the committee is to be mindful that they are treated fairly. The committee has the obligation to work with private haulers in educating them on policy changes and give them ample time when there is an increase in tipping fees so they can adapt their business plan accordingly.

The Webster Board of Selectmen has requested a meeting with the Hopkinton Board of Selectmen to discuss two issues. First, if a PAYT program is adopted in one town and not the other then a clear understanding of how the revenues and expenses will be delineated between the two towns. Second, the Webster Board wants clarity on the responsibilities and authority of the recycling committee and it's relationship to the landfill committee. The meeting is scheduled for September 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Hopkinton Board of Selectmen has requested the landfill committee to provide them with a report regarding the Recycling Committee's PAYT program that has been presented to us. After a lengthy discussion the committee outlined areas of concern within the current proposal. The committee voted to have Karen draft a report that she will send to members for their review by Monday Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> and committee members will email her any corrections or additions for the final report. Karen will then send the final report to both Boards of Selectmen prior to the scheduled September 15<sup>th</sup> meeting for their review prior to their joint meeting. The landfill committee decided they want to be present during this meeting.

Steve Clough will email the committee the proposed budget prior to our next meeting for our review. If committee members have other items they want discussed at the next meeting they are to contact Steve to add to next month's agenda.

The next meeting will be October 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Slusser Senior Center. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise Carr