

**Hopkinton-Webster Landfill Committee**  
**Webster Town Hall**  
**Final Minutes**  
**April 2, 2009**

Present: Karen Irwin, Chair; Richard Kennedy, Bob LaPree, Bob Drown, Linda Hook and Steve Clough.

Absent: None

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

Chairman Irwin opened the meeting and draft minutes of the February 5, 2009 meeting were not available to everyone so we postponed the review until the next meeting.

A discussion ensued about the Penacook Co-op and Steve stated that Tom Mullins attended the last meeting. The Co-op meeting went over changes in the agreement, the financial reasons for single stream, Concord going with single stream and the \$15 million being spent on the facility. The single stream option is still going to be done by a per capita vote as the Town membership on the Co-op is based upon the population of the Town. There still is a question if Concord and other large towns vote for the single stream facility whether all towns will be forced to go that way.

As to transfer station expansions Steve Clough discussed that if the Town of Hopkinton went to PAYT model or the SMART program the recycling area of the station would need to be expanded to meet the additional need of more people coming into the facility. Currently we have about 75% of Town residents having their trash picked up by haulers. It is estimated this would shift considerable if people were paying by the bag. If we had about 1,700 more people coming into the facility. They would need to expand and put a double lane or approximately 6 more bays for dry storage. Such an expansion would also allow dry storage for paper products produced by the horizontal bailer. Last year Hopkinton sent out 300 tons of mixed paper, but with markets as they are, having a good product to sell and waiting until the right time in the market gains the Town a better price on these recyclables.

The Environmental Center is expected to cost anywhere from \$30,000 - \$35,000 and focus on a swap shop and education of the residents regarding recycling. It is expected that we could get some federal funding for such a center potentially from state and federal grants. Steve felt as long as it was a facility that was education based on a principal of a recycling resource center for solid waste and had other town information might receive some level of grant funding.

**Public Comments:**

Richard Houston asked a question about having a coupon system or a cheaper price per bag for the pay as you through program. Steve Clough said various models have been used and the coupon system is one of them so people could use their own containers.

Agenda Items for next month were to be: Recycling Data Update, 2008 Transfer Station Expenses, short presentation of a practical PAYT plan, with rates, budgets, revenues, etc., that would not put the trash haulers out of business and require everyone to go to the transfer station.

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Bob Drown made a motion to adjourn seconded by Linda Hook. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Karen Irwin, Chairman