

Hopkinton/Webster Landfill Committee  
Slusser Center  
Minutes

November 5, 2009

There was a meeting of the Hopkinton/Webster Landfill Committee on Thursday November 5, 2009 at the Slusser Center. The meeting began at 7 P.M. with Karen Irwin, Stretch Kennedy, Bob Drown, Barbara Corliss, Bob Lapree, and Steve Clough present. Tom Mullins, Frank Davis, and Rich Houston also attended the meeting.

The draft minutes for October were reviewed. A typo on a member's name was corrected. Barbara suggested amending the minutes to include the update given on the electrical improvements at the transfer station. Stretch made a motion to accept the October minutes as amended, Karen seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

The Towns' response to NHDES on the residential well supply was discussed. Several comments were made on the different options, the well location, potential risks, and estimated costs.

The Boards' position on Cooperative membership was discussed. The Boards do not want to accept liability for the upcoming expenditures and loans regarding the Cooperative's proposed single stream recycling facility. Hopkinton and Webster have extensive assets in the cooperative and have less expensive options for disposing of trash than the \$65 a ton being proposed for 2010. The Boards are investigating their options and will make their position public as soon as possible.

Steve briefly updated the committee on proposed budgets. The transfer station budget will be reviewed as soon as the Cooperative sets the tipping fee for 2010. The Solid Waste budget should go down a little but that will be uncertain until after the five year groundwater permit renewal which is scheduled for May of 2010. Revenues for 2009 for recycling are on track and revenues for commercial fees for 2009 are up substantially despite a larger than usual accounts receivable balance.

The swap shop proposal along with construction and operational costs was discussed. Bob will go over the proposal with the Recycling Committee for comments. The committee decided to discuss adding electrical service, develop performance standards for the operation, and vote on a recommendation at their December meeting.

Steve presented a planning option which would bring up the PAYT plan that was presented with the budget in 2008 again in 2010. This plan was modeled after all the plans that operate like Canterbury's and doesn't require the curbside pickup of recyclables. After much discussion it was decided that specific language and warrant wording would be discussed at the December meeting.

Stretch made a motion, Bob seconded it, and the meeting adjourned at 9:15.