

Hopkinton/Webster Landfill Committee
Webster Town Hall
Minutes

December 3, 2009

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There was a meeting of the Hopkinton/Webster Landfill Committee on Thursday December 3, 2009 at the Webster Town Hall. The meeting began at 7 P.M. with Karen Irwin, Stretch Kennedy, Bob Lapree, Bob Drown, Linda Hook, and Steve Clough present. Rich Houston, Frank Davis, and Tom Mullins attended the meeting as members of the public.

The Draft Minutes for the November meeting were reviewed. Bob Drown made a motion to accept the minutes, Karen seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

The status of the towns' membership in the Concord Cooperative was discussed. The letter written by the Board to the cooperative regarding withdrawal was distributed. Alternatives for trash disposal were reviewed in general. Other possibilities regarding C&D and recycling were also noted.

Steve went over the recent history of tipping fee increases for private trash haulers at the station. He has requested that the Hopkinton Board put off the December 1, 2009 increase until it can be discussed on Monday. The recent hike brings the increase for the year to over 100% and future increases are unpredictable at this point. Steve would at least like to give the haulers some notice and the Board's position on trying to control rate hikes.

PAYT throw was discussed. Steve had been asked by a resident to assemble a conventional proposal with Hopkinton's specifics from warrant article to implementation. How PAYT would work at the transfer station and how it would work on the curbside was reviewed. Costs, benefits, and recycling rates for each alternative were presented. How this proposal work if either town or both towns participated. The committee took no position. Steve will brief the Hopkinton Board for their information.

The discussion and the vote on the Swap Shop proposal were postponed.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9 P.M.