

**HOPKINTON-WEBSTER REFUSE DISPOSAL COMMITTEE**  
**Slusser Senior Center**  
**April 7, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Refuse Disposal Committee was called to order at 7:00 PM.

**Attendees:** Webster: Barbara Corliss, Tom Mullins, Bob Drown, Martin Bourque, Sally Embley; Hopkinton: Karen Irwin, Bob LaPree, Rich Houston; Advisory Members: Steve Clough, Herme Blanchette.

**Absent:** Richard "Stretch" Kennedy, Hopkinton

Minutes from the meeting of March 10 were reviewed. Bob LaPree moved to accept the minutes, and this was seconded by Barbara Corliss. Approval of the minutes passed by voice vote.

Steve Clough gave an update on the Hopkinton PAYT. He stated that there was nothing new since the last report. In response to questions concerning comparing current period to prior periods, he stated that it was difficult to make these comparisons due to the scheduling of recycle delivery events, but as time goes on it will become easier.

Ordinance update:

- Questions were raised about what the H-W Solid Waste Management Planning District Agreement specifies. Mr. Clough stated that it is an agreement between the H-W landfill and the State of NH. He agreed to provide a copy to interested Committee members.
- Karen Irwin will provide a definition of "re-use" to be included in Article 1. Definition.
- Under Article II, Section 2, Hours of Operation, third paragraph in the discussion draft concerning access to the Facility: the intent of this paragraph is to restrain thievery and vandalism but at a minimal cost and minimal disruption of historical use of the acreage that is not actively used by the Facility. No consensus could be reached. Discussion ranged from deleting the paragraph and letting state laws concerning trespass take precedent, to clarifying the current passage to restrict access only through the front gate. It was agreed that Committee members will submit ideas/arguments to Barbara Corliss, and it will again be discussed at the next meeting.
- There was discussion about wording that would allow the facility staff flexibility when dealing with disposal of certain items containing mercury, such as CFL bulbs. A blanket restriction on metal/plastic barrels was removed. It is generally accepted that the posted disclaimer about "see attendant before dumping" covers most situations, and provides the flexibility that the facility management desires. Steve Clough discussed a brochure he had created listing the proper disposal of items containing hazardous waste, and how those restrictions had changed through the years. It was agreed that Steve would post this list on the website, and reference it on sites posted at the Facility.

Public comments: John Little questioned after-hours access to Facility acreage. A discussion followed that access for non-business reasons is desirable, but ordinance language is not yet determined by the committee. Peter Sorrel discussed Facility staff issues. Steve Clough noted it is illegal to discuss personnel issues in a public meeting, and suggested the concern with Facility staff be discussed with the Hopkinton selectmen.

Under New Business, Barbara Corliss of Webster was nominated as chairman for 2011-2012 by Tom Mullins, seconded by Richard Houston, and the vote was unanimous. Discussion followed on having a secretary appointed to take the minutes, and Martin Bourque of Webster agreed to do minutes for the year 2011.

Motion to adjourn was made by Tom Mullins and seconded by Bob LaPree; the motion passed on voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.

**These minutes were approved at the May 5, 2011 Committee meeting.**