

Hopkinton-Webster Refuse Disposal Committee
Minutes 7 July 2011
Approved

Webster attendees: Barbara Corliss (chair), Bob Drown Sr., Sally Embley, Ellen Kontinos-Cilley
Webster absentee: Tom Mullins

Hopkinton attendees: Richard Kennedy, Richard Houston, Bob LaPree and Steve Clough (advisory member)
Hopkinton absentee: Karen Irwin

Public attendees: Frank Davis, Bruce Johnson (Webster Selectman)

The chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

Due to Martin Bourque's resignation, the Committee was in need of a new Secretary. Ellen Kontinos-Cilley was approved as Secretary.

Mr. LaPree motioned for a change to the May minutes with the addition of comments made by a resident in attendance at that meeting. Rich Houston seconded. The change was unanimously accepted.

June Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously.

Steve Clough came prepared with several hand-outs to help Committee Members understand the Budgetary Process. The handouts included: Landfill Revenues, Town of Hopkinton 2011 Budget Summary, Town of Hopkinton Revenue Report as of June 2011, Town of Hopkinton Current Year Expenditures as of June 2011, Department Summary Sheet: Transfer Station Budget Year 2011, Operating Expenditures: Department of Solid Waste Budget Year 2011, Town of Hopkinton Capital Reserve and Trust Funds Estimate for 2011, 20 Year Capital Improvement Plan-Solid Waste, Hopkinton/Webster MSW Facilities Recycling Income Statement January 1 to December 31, 2010, Hopkinton/Webster Municipal Solid Waste Facilities Yearly Totals 1/1/2010-12/31/2010, Hopkinton/Webster MSW Facilities Summary by Contractor 2010, Hopkinton Treasurers Pay By Bag Detailed Statement of Receipts as of June 30, 2011, Hopkinton Treasurers Recycling Detailed Statement of Receipts as of May 31, 2011, Nobis Engineering Groundwater Management Zone Map Hopkinton/Webster Landfill, and a letter to Town of Webster dated April 119, 2010 relative to the actual balance of Webster's share of Expenditures and Revenue for the Hopkinton/Webster Landfill.

Committee Members will review all documents and come to the next meeting prepared with questions or e-mail Steve Clough directly with questions prior to next meeting.

Steve Clough advised that there is a formula in place for Webster to request an offset for increased transfer station expenses due to Hopkinton's Pay-by-Bag program. Mr. LaPree

asked if the PBB program actually requires more employees at the transfer station. Mr Clough indicated that, yes, more manpower is needed to monitor bags, vehicles and stickers, especially on Saturdays.

The Joint Meeting with Hopkinton Select Boards held on June 20 was discussed noting that work still needs to be done on the following: RDC must review and advise on Fees, Town Counsel must complete review of land deed to be sure Webster's ownership is reflected correctly, Hopkinton Town Counsel is working on a Hold Harmless for Reuse items.

There is no new news on the possibility of Landfill contamination of wells. The state is continuing to monitor the situation.

Bob Drown and public attendee Frank Davis have asked the committee to formally review the Fee Schedule under Article V. Large Volume Haulers and Miscellaneous Waste Section 1 Tipping Fee. The article currently allows collection of a Tipping Fee from Webster or Hopkinton residents disposing of over 400 pounds in one vehicle at the same time. It was agreed that the committee will review and advise when they move to Fee Review after covering Revenue and Expense Review, but that the Select Boards have the final say on this matter.

Steve Clough relayed a history of the scrap metal pile and resident access to it. It was noted that, up until 1997, residents were encouraged to take scrap metal as there was no Managed Metal Program in place. With the institution of such a program in 1997, resident access to the pile is discouraged and the estimated revenue from scrap metal was \$21,000 in 2010 and \$16,000 in 2009. Barbara Corliss asked Mr. Clough to bring a report on After Hours Access Granted to the next meeting if possible.

Committee Chair Barbara Corliss maintained that the duty of the RDC Committee is to review and make recommendations on Transfer Station operations. It should not be side-tracked at this time by discussion specifically related to the possibility of Hopkinton's adoption of curbside pick-up and satellite recycling drop-off locations leading to that town's withdrawing from the two town contract.

Rich Houston motioned to adjourn and Ellen Kontinos-Cilley seconded. The Meeting was adjourned at 9:26 PM.