

Hopkinton/Webster Landfill Committee
Webster Town Hall
Webster, New Hampshire

May 2, 2013

Attendance: Barbara Corliss, Chair (W), Sally Embley (W), Ellen Kontinos-Cilley (W),
Dave Klumb, Alt. (W)

Karen Irwin, Richard Kennedy (H),

Steve Clough, Ex Officio

Absent: Mike Greenwood, Alt, (W), (H), Rich Houston (H)

Public: Gary Rondeau, Frank Davis

Barbara brought the meeting to order at 6:37 P.M. The committee reviewed the April 4, 2013 Minutes. Karen and Stretch joined the meeting at 6:42. Ellen made a motion to approve the April Minutes, Barbara seconded the motion, and the Minutes were approved 5-0.

Steve provided the Committee with the off-hours reports for March and April 2013.

Barbara began a conversation of recycling. Steve explained the current overall strategy and where recycling fits in. A “zero waste” approach, with non-specific goals, has been followed for years with waste diversion programs being implemented to address “end of the pipe” wastes and “top of the pipe” waste avoidance being promoted. This has resulted in a focus on household recycling, wood wastes as biofuel, shingles as a construction aggregate, mercury and lead reclamation from bulbs and batteries, heavy metal recovery from electronics and scrap, as well as a variety of proper disposal programs on the diversion side. Home composting, the yard waste ban, and other initiatives have helped on the avoidance side. There was less household trash shipped in 2012 than there was in 1994, revenues are up, and the budget in 2013 is lower than it was in 2005.

There is a revitalized zero waste approach being implemented to guide future planning. Several new plastics programs will be employed, brush will be chipped as a renewable resource, and expanded proper disposal programs will be considered on the “end” side and plastics education and item reuse will have an increased focus on the “top” side.

Steve went over the new email grouping that is being built at the facilities to inform the public, promote programs, and encourage reuse. Committee members were supportive and had

several suggestions to assist the effort ranging from utilizing Webster's "Buckshot" email to giving more tours of the facility. Recycling totals and other positive environmental statistics will be provided with regular updates to email group subscribers.

Steve also informed the Committee that the Concord Regional Cooperative will be voting on a new trash contract in June. The City of Concord is considering its options and will be deciding whether to remain a member. The outcome of those decisions will determine the future of the Cooperative.

Barbara inquired about the Community Water System and the area groundwater testing. The water system is running great and the new testing schedule has reduced the costs of monitoring and inspections.

Ellen informed the Committee that she thought that Harold Janeway had been appointed as an alternate but wasn't sure if he knew about this meeting. She also asked about distributing Committee related information and everyone agreed that members could disseminate meeting materials at their own discretion.

Karen asked about future agenda topics and suggested revisiting the swap shop idea. Public information planning was another suggested topic.

Barbara requested public comment. Frank mentioned that the agenda might be on the website but that it wasn't on the Community Calendar where a lot of people looked. Steve will look into that. Frank also liked the Congratulations environmental accomplishments handout (Ellen is also publishing that info). Frank also didn't like the fact that recycling had gone down some over the last couple of years. Gary had no comments.

Barbara made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ellen seconded it, the vote was 5-0, and the meeting ended at 8:20 P.M.

These Minutes were drafted by Steve Clough, Ex Officio

