

## Hopkinton/Webster Solid Waste Disposal Committee

Draft Minutes August 7, 2014 Slusser Senior Center, Hopkinton

Attendance: Arthur Cunningham(H), Frank Davis(H), Sally Embley(W), Mike Greenwood(W), Rich Houston(H), Steve Clough Ex-Officio

Absent: Ellen Cilley(W), Harold Janeway(W)

Rich brought the meeting to order at 6:30. The minutes of the June meeting were reviewed. Arthur moved to accept the minutes as written, Frank seconded, and the June minutes were approved (5-0) by the members in attendance. Steve spoke about Websters' liability insurance in regards to the transfer station. If Webster can provide proof to its carrier that it owns 20% of the property, then it should be covered for liability, he believes.

Steve was asked where does our trash currently go for disposal. He said it goes to the incinerator in Andover Massachusetts. Waste does the hauling with our trailers and subcontracts drivers. We get rockbottom prices because our trash is usually backhauled. This means that a hauler comes in, disconnects his trailer, then hooks onto our full trailer. When he returns empty, he reconnects to his trailer and heads on his way. This method of hauling was set up in 2010 for a flat rate with no surcharges, no CPI, and ends Dec. 31, 2015. Trash markets are still depressed and Steve believes we should have no problem next year getting a good price on a new contract. There have been some trash backups at the station since we only have been running 2 trailers. By September the 3rd should be back from the shop.

Sally talked about "America Recycles Day" on Nov. 1, with plans to reserve the Depot. The idea is to get kids to recycle their costumes after Halloween, making Christmas ornaments out of recyclables, and other projects for the kids.

Sally asked Steve if electronics can be reused if a citizen needs one. Steve responded yes, a citizen can be put on the list to be notified if something comes in they are looking for. If someone wants to toss a good computer, let the attendant know and they will check the list.

Arthur reported no recommendations to the Selectmen have yet been made by the new committee on solid waste. A Bestway rep was at their last meeting talking about curbside programs.

No public comment. Frank made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mike and (5-0) Rich closed the meeting at 7:17.