Hopkinton/Webster Solid Waste Disposal Committee

Meeting minutes Feb 5, 2015
Slusser Center, Hopkinton

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

Rich brought the meeting to order at 6:35 pm. January minutes were reviewed, Sally moved to accept, seconded by Arthur, and (4-0) the minutes were accepted.

Steve provided documents to review for 2014 including year end revenues, expenditures, and after hour reports. PAYT net revenues for 2014 was $63,750 and they are down about $2,000 per year for the last 3 years. Recycling revenue was $55,664 on 691.32 tons. Steve noted that trash is declining about 6% per yr. Some major declines include losing McLaures (200-300 tons/yr), All Clear (about 200 tons/yr), losing the fair, and losing the schools.

Steve reported the scales will be put in this summer and, if both boards agree, the swap shop using the old plans. Steve will go to the Feb. 9, normal selectmens meeting to discuss ways to reduce spending at the TS. Reducing hours, increasing fees, etc. with the possibility of saving up to $100,000 per year.

Sally was hopeful that a swap shop may increase visits to the station.

Rich asked if PAYT gets voted out, how would that affect revenues. Steve replied it won't affect what comes in on Dockhams trucks since that tonnage gets charged already. We would lose

revenue only to those citizens that use the hopper. Steve noted that our per capita rate of recycling is 200 - 250 lbs per year.

No march meeting. A motion to adjourn was put forth by Arthur, seconded by Sally and the meeting was over at 7:30 by unanimous vote.