

Hopkinton/Webster Recycling Committee
Special Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2010

Draft Minutes - unofficial until approved at Feb. 10th meeting

Present: Debbie Augustine, Bob LaPree, Mary Leadbeater, Ginni Haines, Denis Goddard
Public attending: Rich Houston

Meeting called to order at 6:45 at the library

The committee met with the BOS on Jan. 19th. to present the warrant article for PbB. The board approved the inclusion of the warrant article on the agenda for Town Meeting. The BOS asked the committee to give a cost break down of the paid bags and return with the information at the Feb. 1st BOS. The committee scheduled this meeting to work on the numbers.

Rich Houston presented his research into the cost components for the pay bags. He concluded that the combined tipping fee, transportation costs and the cost of the pay bag would amount to \$1.01 for a 33 gallon bag at an average weight of 18 lbs. Steve Clough has indicated he would need an additional full time person to monitor the hopper if PbB is instituted.

The committee concluded that a bag fee of \$1.25 would be recommended to the BOS, with prepaid coupons priced at \$1.00 for those users of the transfer station who wish to provide their own bags or use barrels at the hopper.

Denis presented the survey results from the PbB towns that responded to the email survey which will be presented to the BOS Feb. 1st.

The committee also worked on the warrant article wording to have it indicate that the bag fee price should reflect only the direct costs of the disposal of house hold solid waste.

The committee will present its information to the BOS at 6:15pm to the BOS February 1st.

Katherine compiled a list of questions for the survey of PbB communities requested by the BOS. Denis will email the survey and tabulate the results for presentation to the BOS.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm

Submitted by Bob LaPree