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SELECTMEN BOARD DISCUSSION MONDAY, JUNE 7, 2010

Chairman Jim O'Brien called a regularly scheduled business meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 5:30 PM on Monday, June 7, 2010.

Present:

Jim O'Brien, Chairman
Bryan Pellerin, Selectman
Chris Lawless, Selectman
Neal Cass, Town Administrator
Robin Buchanan, Administrative Assessing Assistant

Absent: Tom Congoran, George Langwasser, Chris Lawless

Public present: Janet Krzyzaniak, Mary Leadbeater, Bob LaPree; Alden Mitchell, Heather Mitchell, Merle Dustin, Deb Augustine, Karen Irwin, Marion Paxton, Lester & Bonnie Cressy

Chairmen Jim O'Brien opened the meeting by explaining that since only two members of the Board were present tonight, there would be no approval of minutes and those members presents were hold the public appointments and public forum. However, all other items on the agenda would be postponed until the next regular meeting, June 21, 2010.

I. PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

Since Tom Congoran was not available for a Pay by Bag update, Selectmen Pellerin, also on the committee, gave a brief summary of what the committee is working on including bag design, pricing, contacting stores to distribution of the bags. Selectmen Pellerin also stated the committee would do 3 mailings. The initial mailing, which will be soon, will explain Pay by Bag. The second mailing, being released close to the implementation date will be very detailed, noting what can and cannot be recycled. The third and final mailing, which will be right before the implementation date will be a reminder to purchase the bags and to recycle. It was also noted the first of two public hearings will by held during the regular Board of Selectmen's meeting on June 21, 2010. It was noted that more discussion was needed with regards to dumpsters.

Steve Clough was in to give the Board a presentation of what changes could be made at the Transfer Station to accommodate Pay by Bag. Mr. Clough stated that first and foremost supporting the employees at the Transfer Station during this transition time is very important. He continued that the Board of Selectmen need to understand the transition to Pay by Bag will present a number of unknown issues and the staff will be reactive to those issues as they come up. It is important that the Board show support for the staff while the Transfer Station and the residents adjust to the changes. Mr. Clough further stated during the week the Transfer Station is busy with haulers, brush, composting, bailing and other duties associated with running a Transfer Station. Saturdays are extremely busy, as that is the day most resident would come to the Transfer Station. He indicated to the Board he would adjust staffing according to how busy they are. One of the biggest unknowns is how many tons of trash will come in and how many tons

of recycling will there be. Mr. Clough further stated his goal is to get people in and out quickly, effectively and safely for both employees and residents. Mr. Clough further stated that the sticker system has not been successful and some of the stickers are very old. He asked the Board consider a new system, tied to vehicle registration. Enforcement could become an issue which will require staff time. Mr. Clough requested the Board provide the Transfer Station with written rules and policies so the staff can hand it out, which could slow things down as well. Mr. Clough handed out some pictures to explain his "express lane". Those that have recyclables and household trash could use the express lane and those with demo, etc would go further into the transfer station. All options at this point would be short term to determine how well they work. Safety is first and foremost. Discussion and a short question and answer period followed Mr. Clough's presentation.

Scott Crathern and Justin Wells are in to discuss a possible temporary use of Crathern's land at Exit 6. Mr. Wells is interested in leasing the land for a wood grinding business. He would be grinding only virgin wood into mulch and screen the dirt from the stumps. Mr. Wells anticipates about one truck per hour would be entering the area. He would stock pile the material and there would be no demolition material. Mr. Wells and Mr. Crathern took a few questions from the public.

II. PUBLIC FORUM

Merle Dustin asked who planted the flowers at the corner of Briar Hill Road and Penacook Road. Robin informed Ms. Dustin that Irena Goddard planted the flowers. Ms. Dustin commented that it looked very nice. Ms. Dustin noted that the bandstand shingles are raised and it needs paint.

Ms. Dustin commented the intersection of Houston Drive and Pine Street has bad visibility and perhaps a fish eye mirror is needed.

Chairmen O'Brien informed the public there would a joint meeting of the Board of Selectmen and the School Board next Monday, June 14, 2010 at 6:30 at the High School.

The meeting ended at 7:20 pm

Respectfully submitted

Robin Buchanan
Administrative Assessing Assistant

These minutes are not official until approved by the Board of Selectmen at their meeting.