

Solid Waste Disposal Study Committee

Meeting Minutes

Monday September 29, 2014 5:30 p.m. - Hopkinton Town Hall

DRAFT

Members Present: Mike Byrne, Tom Congoran, Art Cunningham, Richard Horner, Geoff Mirantz
Denis Goddard

Members Absent: Scott Zipke

Others Present: Ginny Haines, Mary Leadbetter, Bob Lapree, Sally Embley

Art Cunningham called the meeting to order at 17:30.

A motion was made by Mr. Congoran and seconded by Mr. Byrne to accept the September 15, 2014 minutes. Motion passed 6- 0

Discussion on Mr. Horner's previous motion concerning renewal of the State Permit to accept "Raw Septage" at the Transfer Station (TS) which expires October 2015. Mr. Cunningham reported that the monitoring reports show an increased level of nitrites. The nitrite levels 14 pp liter when the acceptable level is 10 pp liter. Discussion on if the potential liability was worth the revenue received. Mr. Byrne asked if our sewerage lagoons were designed to work like leech fields.

It was stated that there are 5 different lagoons and they are allowed to lay fallow for an extended period. Mr. Goddard stated he didn't think the current process was a good idea and that the permit expiring next year was a good way to eliminate to potential problem.

It was stated that the terms of the permit had not been violated. It was stated that the existing test wells were established to test for contaminates from existing waste.

Mr. Horner made a motion that we insert into the report to the selectmen "that as soon as practically possible the TS should stop accepting Raw Septage and let the permit expire. Second by Mr. Byrne Motion passed 6 -0.

Discussion continued on what hours and days the TS should remain open? Many options were discussed such as having the Select Board look at Buying Webster out of the current agreement, Having

Webster responsible for any expenses over and above what Hopkinton determines they need to have the TS open.

Budget established by the Select Board on how to approach the TS agreement with Webster. The SB has budgetary powers under the current agreement which might be used.

Mr. Congoran suggested that we should not make a recommendation on how many days we should have the TS open.

Mr. Congoran made a motion that this committee recommend to the SB that if we enter into and Auto or Manual curbside pickup that the SB work to reduce the Hours of the TS to reduce cost and the Capital budget. Mr. Mirantz second, After discussion on the motion, the motion passed 6 – 0.

Public Comment;

Mrs. Leadbetter asked if Concord would accept out Septage at their Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP)? The answer was yes, from Concord WWTP representative with cost as stated in prior meeting of this committee.

Mr. Lapree stated that currently the Septage Lagoons are allowed to go fallow, then the dry Septage was removed. That the only way the TS accepts Septage is based on the Truckers Ticket stating it is Hopkinton or Webster. He feels the Pay by Bag should be retained, and there is no obligation to local businesses to provide access to the TS, and residents are free to drop up to \$500 lbs.

Mr. Congoran will prepare a DRAFT report for review at our next meeting Tuesday Oct 14, 2014 at 5:30

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Respectfully submitted

Richard Horner