Hopkinton/Webster Landfill Committee Slusser Center Hopkinton, New Hampshire

April 6, 2017

Attendance: Sally Embley (W), Rich Houston (H) Chairman, Frank Davis (H),

Barbara Corliss (W), Steve Clough, Ex Officio

Absent: Harold Janeway, Alt. (W)

The meeting was opened at 6:40 P.M. The December 2016 Minutes will be approved at the next meeting (no copies available at this meeting).

A new Chairperson was elected. Rich made the motion that Sally be elected as Committee Chairperson, Barbara seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved (4-0).

The 2016 MSW totals were provided and discussed. Recycling, C&D, and trash were briefly reviewed. The PAYT program was discussed including issues with enforcement, recycling opportunities, and possible alternatives. There was no consensus on what the Recycling Committee and Hopkinton Select Board could do to improve the program.

A general discussion ensued on what could be done to expand environmental programs/policies at the facilities. Sally brought up food composting and Zero waste planning. Although members found those topics interesting it was difficult to come up with practical applications. Most states are supporting these types of activities with incentives to towns, businesses, and individuals. The Swap Shop is working well when it is open but the hours are subject to volunteerism. Sally and two other people are currently running the swap shop but everyone is hoping that more people will get involved so that the hours can be expanded.

The Committee discussed potential agenda topics and areas to be explored. It was agreed that there are no pressing issues at the moment and that the committee would meet again in June. Meetings will be scheduled and issues will be addressed as necessary.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30 P.M.

These Minutes were drafted by Steve Clough, Ex Officio