

Meeting of the Hopkinton/ Webster Refuse Disposal Committee

Webster Town Offices, Tuesday, July 10, 2018

In Attendance : Dan Blanchette, Hopkinton Director of Public Works; Jolene Cochrane, Superintendent of H/W Transfer Station; Barbara Corliss (W), Frank Davis (H), Sally Embley (W), Rich Houston (H), and Dan Moran (W).

Dan Blanchette presented a list of repairs that are urgently needed at the Transfer Station. Developed by both Dan and Jolene, this is not merely a “wish list” but rather the consequence of long-delayed maintenance throughout the facility.

- 1) Lights in all the bays need to be replaced.
- 2) New emergency lights need to be installed.
- 3) Surveillance cameras are erratic and the system needs to be upgraded.
- 4) Fire alarms are not working properly.
- 5) Office in need of renovation (floor in bad shape, pipes freeze in winter).
- 6) Baling room roof leaks and should be replaced.
- 7) Grill shed about to collapse; needs to be jacked up with a new foundation.
- 8) Heavy hopper doors should be given hydraulic lifts.

In addition to the above basic repairs (for which there is some money in the T.S. budget), there are several larger projects that would require the budgeting of Capital Improvement (CIP) money. Over the next two years, Dan and Jolene would like to:

- Rebuild the Recycling Building, replacing the concrete blocks with a higher (poured cement) wall and adding more bays to accommodate metal cans.
- Purchase a commercial-grade mower to handle the chore of mowing the landfill cap.
- Add gravel to roads to brush piles and septic lagoon areas.

Dan will be seeking estimates for the larger projects as well as for items 5 through 8. He will be working on a budget during August, so we agreed to meet on **September 6** (again in Webster), returning to **a first Thursday** meeting date, but at **7 p.m.** rather than 6:30.

Likely topics for future meetings include an update on the market for recyclables (many sources have disappeared since China stopped accepting American trash) and the status of a proposal by Granite Apollo to lease the unused land over the landfill for a large-scale (17Mw) solar array.

Respectfully submitted,
Sally Embley, Secretary pro tem

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