Minutes – Transfer Station Meeting March 30, 2016

Members present: Bob Sirpenski, Deborah Fletcher, Fred Parker, Geoffrey Cooper, Neil Cook, John Firlik

Guests: Steve Trahan,

Minutes from the December 30, 2015 Transfer station meeting were read and amended as follows: John Firlik was incorrectly listed as a guest, rather than a Committee member. Neil Cook made a motion to accept the amended minutes. John Firlik seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

No citizen’s comments

The YTD financial statement was reviewed.

Bob Sirpenski read a letter from Anthony Nicolosi of 91 Wylie School Road regarding a recent transfer station visit when he was charged $5 for a load of bulky waste that was in the trunk of his car. Mr. Nicolosi’s letter stated that the policy does not indicate any charge for cars that have bulky waste in the trunk. Discussion followed and the Committee recommended that the fee schedule policy be reviewed and clarified prior to the start of the new season to make all charges more clearly identified. Some members recalled fee schedules from previous years that stated one small pickup truck load would be allowed per week. Bob Sirpenski will write a letter to Mr Nicolosi thanking him for his letter.

Under discussion regarding fees, what the Transfer Station gets paid for scrap metal was discussed. Steve Trahan reported that Exeter Scrap Metal buys our scrap. We could potentially save money if we had our own truck. Bob Sirpenski will investigate if any regional grants might be available for the Transfer Station to purchase a truck. The truck could also be used to plow snow at the Transfer Station.

The substitute worker pool consists of one person. Steve Trahan reported that this works out okay, as the need for substitute is very minimal and he only has a need for one a couple of times per year. The Committee decided that it would be difficult to hire someone with proper training who might work once or twice per year. It was agreed that Beth Laflesh, who works to issue permits could be used to work in the office when there is an absence. This would allow one worked to work outside in the yard and there would be no need for hiring more substitutes. Pay rate should be equal to what Beth is paid for her permit duties. Deb Fletcher
motioned that Beth be allowed to work as a substitute. Neil Cook seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Bob Sirpenski and Steve Trahan reported that Steve Lynch, from the Eastern Connecticut Resource Recovery was contacted regarding disposal of solid waste. Steve Trahan provided tonnage but no rates were provided. Bob Sirpenski will follow up.

John Firlik motioned to adjourn at 7:38. Fred Parker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by:

Bob Sirpenski