



Meeting Minutes 3/26/2018

In Attendance:

Gabe McPhail, Eric Davis, Amy Lear, Hillary Bunker, Pat Lundholm

1. **Hillary Bunker** – will be joining the committee (per selectmen blessing), and is already making great contribution. Bunkerhill2009@yahoo.com .
2. **Budget** — **Eric** reported that the proposed budget for the transfer station (as developed with Kenny and incorporating ideas from Waste Watchers) has a significant increase over last year, and one that Andy is not willing to back. The increase is due to extra trips to get rid of the ash pile, extra demo trips, the tow-behind-magnet, and the forks that would make it possible for Kenny to lift the exactics and dump them. Eric thought that we could shave \$13-14,000 from the proposed budget by reducing some of the trips and dropping the magnet. The group thinks it's important to get the forks and agreed with that proposal. He also said there may be some slightly damaged exactics that we could get from the Co-op.
3. **Budget and Composting:** It is not clear if there will be money left from the single stream project. Anna is working on an alternative plan – probably the circular trap wire pens – as a back up in case we don't have enough money to build the quick compost aerated ones.
4. **Update on Single Stream:** Andy told Gabe that he has the bid for the concrete pad, and is still working on the electrical hookup. He is planning on preparing an RFP for the hauler, with hopes that the Selectmen will go with EcoMaine at least to start with (the solid waste contract we are currently working under is up in the fall). **Eric** suggested that he (Andy) make sure his contact (Eric's) in Thomaston gets the RFP, as he is likely to be cheaper since he starts and ends in the neighborhood.
5. **Waste Watcher Strategic Plan** – Gabe is continuing to work on some long term goals for what we hope to achieve, so we can establish bench marks and see how we are doing with them. Our next meeting will be dedicated (other than minor housekeeping) to forming this plan, which will lead to:
6. **Trash Talk** — May? Dinner! Introduce the plan (following approval by the selectmen), talking about where we think we are today (with poor data collection we can only estimate) and where we are trying to go. Following intro of the plan, we will all have a discussion/demo/ some presentation about our individual passions in reducing waste or reducing costs (as Anna with getting food waste out of the trash, Hillary with bottled water, etc.). We also talked about running the program twice – after school and in the evening.
7. **Deposit Bottles** — **Eric** remembers that the Selectmen recently approved allowing the deposit bottles to go to Eldercare. No initiative has been taken by Eldercare on this. Eric? Gabe? To confirm with Andy that this is OK.
8. **Transfer Station Software** – Pat demo'd the software and will repeat the demo with the Selectmen on the 27th. If they approve the program, she will spend Sundays in April running parallel with Kenny and Luther while they write slips. They will start recording more detail on the receipt slips, whether or not they use the software.
9. **Waste Conference April 23-24:** Gabe and Pat are going, possibly Eric? There is not enough money in the budget to fully fund a team of attendees...

Next Meeting: will be 6:00 4/02/18 at the Public Safety Building. Dedicated to Strategic Plan