



Meeting Minutes 08/14/2017

In Attendance: Anna Poe, Gabe McPhail, Eric Davis, Pat Lundholm

1. Questions from last meeting:
 - a. Is the transfer station building moveable? No, per Andy – not worth it. With single stream smaller building appropriate
 - b. White trailer down below – what for? Eric on that
 - c. White goods: Eric investigated, and the cooling units are not being removed. This has to change.

2. Layout:

Pat has the start of the 3-D transfer station layout, with pieces to move around to try out different options. Consensus has it that driving in below the station (east entrance) would be dangerous on the main road. There was a lot of give and take on the many options for laying it out, but it does seem that it could be done with the existing wall while still improving traffic flow.

Andy is hopeful that single stream can be planned for starting after the next budget is approved. This would/could include hiring a Vinalhaven based driver who would be able to help other town departments when s/he was not driving. It would require purchase of a roll off truck as well as the trailers and compacter for solid waste.

One critical point in the layout is whether or not the container for single stream will be open top or have a side opening. Eric suggested that it would be much more workable if the access to the bin was open on two sides, allowing two people to throw at the same time. When the dumping had to stop so it could be compacted, a ground tote could be used so people were not delayed in their drop off.

To Do: Pat to take the model to Kenny to show him the various options we have thought of and get his input. Next meeting, Pat will have a write up of those options, with pros and cons, which we can fine tune. If/when ready, we will present to the Selectmen.

The following morning Anna spoke with Echo Maine to ask about the size of the container and compacter. Our source there said folks that sell this equipment – Atlantic Recycling in New Hampshire, and Maguire in Mass, -- will be able to advise us on whether our chosen sites are adequate and possibly on traffic. What we present to the Selectmen will be possibilities, not finalities.

3. Courtney and Nick are traveling and not joining the committee. It was agreed that we are currently solidly balanced and are not looking for additional members.
4. Recycling rules: Gabe had planned to visit Kenny with the fine tuned rules that she got from her source at Midcoast. To Do: Pat to drop off when she goes over the layout with Kenny.
 - a. Midcoast says that we have a lot of recyclables in our glass. Although it is being recycled, there is money lost to the non profits on the island. We did talk about this a bit – there might be some non profit who would like to take this on.



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b. Metal recycling – many (all) of us have put things in the metal (tin can and aluminum) bin that should be elsewhere. Only food-based tin and aluminum can be recycled in single stream and our current arrangement with Midcoast, meaning the spiral rings on notebooks, the metal lids with plastic liners, the wire from Christmas garlands, has to go on the metal pile. A “best” practice for this (to encourage recycling, rather than throwing) would be to have a small bucket close to where household trash is deposited. If it’s small enough to fit, it won’t cost.

5. Plastic Bags (all sorts) - **Anna** again with Eco Maine – Hannaford has a big bailing operation for their plastic bags. *We may be able to piggy back with that.*
6. Swap Shop – Everyone agrees that ours is nasty, and abused by people dropping off items that will not be taken, and thereby avoiding payment (for example, a mattress was spotted there the other day). Gabe has a model contract in hand for one town trying to get a handle on this – there is a charge to drop stuff. The contract is an attempt to prevent the shop volunteer from scooping up everything of value and leaving the trash. This would be a good winter project.
7. Mark King visit – 845 boat Wednesday, 8/16. Anna to meet Mark, take him to the Transfer Station. Gabe and Eric can’t make it, Pat will as long as there is no call, Andy may pop in.
8. Wind – there’s been a lapse of a week or two. Pat to work on just mixed paper rules for 8/22 using Gabe’s report from Midcoast.
9. No more breaks – Meeting at 7PM Monday evenings until further notice.