

Sanbornton Solid Waste Committee (SWC)

June 20, 2016 Meeting

Call to order at 5:32 pm

In attendance: Tara Mae Albert, Lynn Chong, John Olmstead (non-voting member), Jeff Burns, Dave Swanay, Bob White (alt.), Jennifer Holt, Andrew Sanborn (alt.)

Towns People: Pam Papera, Mike Papera

Motions

- Lynn made a motion for alternates, Bob and Andy, to be voting members because at the time of the meeting start the committee only had 4 voting members in attendance. Tara seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.
- Andy made a motion for the June 6 Meeting Minutes with amendment to pass. Tara seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.

Policies and Procedures for the SWC from the BOS

- An approved but not signed copy of the policies and procedures was provided to the SWC for information.
- The SWC Members reviewed and commented on the copy. Other than a few grammatical corrections the SWC agreed that this is a good start.
- During this discussion, the committee members felt that Kevin, as the TS Manager, should be a member of the SWC, whether as a volunteer or for hours paid. John will discuss this with Kevin.
- John also agreed that although this is an unsigned copy of the P&P, it can be made available to the public.

Guest Speaker – Pam Papera (Employed at TS from Dec. 2004 – June 2013)

- At the time of her employment, she was tasked with running the balers and other non-vehicular equipment; directing customers on how recyclables and MSW should be managed.
- She stated that she did not have manufacturer training on the equipment; however, she was trained by the TS manager. She also had safety instructions.
- Employees (hrs per week): Mary (40), June (30-32); Pam (8-12); Jane (40)
- Balers: The balers were used for both paper and cans. It only took one person to run the baler for a ½ day when the facility was closed. The baler in the smaller building could be run when the facility was open because there was a way to block access by customers. During the Winter the baling could be done in 2 hours by one person and during the summer it would take 4-6 hours.
- Glass Crusher: Could be run by one person. The only person to run the glass crusher was Jane.
- She felt the TS was self-supporting because of the money made on recyclables.
- No injuries or accidents to customers while she was working at the facility. The only incident that was reported actually happened to her because there was an issue with the back hoe. The

arm was malfunctioning. The manager had requested that the BOS fix the machinery but there was no money in the budget at the time.

- Winter Maintenance: At the time the town did not plow the facility. TS employee plowed using the loader. A person was hired to clean the high pitched roof usually only once. Otherwise it was unnecessary.
- Single Stream: There was an issue with single stream during the winter. Many times water would get into the container and freeze. The hauler would take a roll-off to the MRF and then it would usually come back up to a 1/3 still full of frozen recyclables. The customers will put everything in the bin even if it was not recyclable. There was a lack of education to the customers on really what could go into the container and what needed to go into the MSW.

Budget, Improvements and Suggested Changes

- Dave Swanay created an income sheet for FY 15 and FY 16 (July-Feb)
- The numbers came from NRRRA and the town books.
- Single stream is not as lucrative as it was predicted.
- Suggestions are made to start removing paper and cardboard on a trial basis to see if the town can make/save some money.
- Possible problems with this are that the paper needs to stay dry so we will need a trailer or somewhere to store it before the hauler takes it away.
- Other possibility is to remove the glass from the single stream.
- Another avenue is to look at a compactor for the single stream recycling; the cost is approximately \$10,000.

Old Home Day

- The SWC will have a booth to listen to residents on their concerns & educate on possible new programs.
- Provide correct and relevant information on pay-as-you-throw and other recycling opportunities
- Brochures would be essential at this event.
- Possible to run a movie on EcoMaine – single stream.
- Jen created a brochure for the event. It needs to be tweaked so that it will fold properly. Who will cover the printing costs? The SW Committee?
- Easy Up provided by Andy; Table provided by Lynn. Chairs – each member will bring their own.

Next Meeting

- June 27th (8:00 am): Walk through with NRRRA at the TS.
- Decision for intermediate meeting will be made after the June 27th walk through.
- June 18th, 5:30 pm.

Adjourned at 7:35 pm.