

## Sanbornton Solid Waste Committee (SWC)

August 15, 2016 Meeting

Call to order at 5:35 pm

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

### Previous Minutes

- Committee members made minor amendments to the July 18 DRAFT meeting minutes. Lynn made a motion to approve with amendment. Jen seconded. Unanimously approved.
- Tara will include the Approved minutes with these DRAFT Minutes to the appropriate parties.

### Survey of the public, taken at OHD

- Sanbornton residents who visited the SWC booth at OHD were requested to fill out a survey relative to their recycling activities.
- The copy of the survey is attached. There were very few people who stopped by, however, those that did answered the questions and left us with a few.
- The take-away messages were:
  - Many residents do not understand how Pay-as-you-throw or pay by the bag works.
  - Many people would change their habits if they understood how the TS affects them financially, and how making a few decisive changes at the TS could benefit everyone as a whole.
  - There needs to be better communication and education regarding blanket decisions made at the TS.

### Bids from various handlers for MSW, C&D, Single Stream as it is now

- Brian Bordeau and Kevin Austin requested that the SWC review bids from various waste haulers regarding municipal solid waste (MSW), Construction & Demolition Debris (C&D) and Single Stream Recycling (SS) with & without a compactor.
- The bids are proprietary information so the SWC cannot show them in this report.
- In 2015, the town of Sanbornton produced \$549 Tons of MSW at 52 hauls and 195 Tons of C&D at 40 hauls.
- After much discussion regarding the information given, Tara made a motion to make recommendations by waste stream. Passed unanimously.
  - MSW: Tara made the motion and Jen seconded. Passed Unanimously.
  - C&D: Tara made the motion and Jen seconded. Passed Unanimously.
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- SWC's recommendations to the BOS are as follows:

**Recommendation:** The SWC was asked by the TS Manager and DPW Director to review proposals for the removal of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW); Construction & Demolition (C&D); and Single Stream (SS) and to make a recommendation. The SWC Minutes will have the details of the discussion, motion and voting.

The committee recommends the following:

**MSW:** The town should contract with Casella for a 24-month period to remove all MSW.

**C&D:** The town should contract with Casella for a 24-month period to remove all C&D. In addition, the town should explore partnering with NRRRA through their grant program to procure a container for the C&D so that they do not have to pay the rental fee to Casella.

**Single-Stream:** The town should continue its current activities with NRRRA without a firm contract. The purpose behind this decision is that the SWC is currently formulating a 5-year plan to have the town go back to source separation (breaking out each recyclable item by material type) rather than indefinitely continue with single-stream recycling. At the time the single-stream decision was made, the research showed that it was the best decision financially. Since that time, the market has changed and it is no longer feasible for the town to continue with single stream recycling. Because we are in the middle of a budget cycle that has been negatively affected by the single stream market, the SWC and the TS Manager do NOT recommend going away from single stream immediately. However, in order to recoup the money lost and to attempt to balance the budget for the fiscal biennium, the BOS has agreed to allow the TS Manager & SWC to secure a compactor that will be used for the single-stream recycling container, lowering costs by reducing the number of pick-ups. The SWC and TS Manager will be making suggestions for the next budget cycle that will be fiscally responsible for the town.

#### **Kevin's Request for help getting a metal dumpster/"can"**

- Kevin requested that the SWC weigh in on the thoughts of getting a container for unsuitable scrap metal for recycle because the pile is a safety issue at the TS.
- Tara made a motion to officially recommend that the board allow the TS to get an additional bin for scrap metal. Seconded by Jen. Passed unanimously.
- The SWC made the following recommendation to the BOS:

**Recommendation:** The Solid Waste Committee (SWC) recommends that the BOS allow the Transfer Station Manager to purchase or rent a container to store scrap metal that is unsuitable for picking by the residents of Sanbornton. This container will be accessible to TS employees only, not to the general public. This recommendation is being made to enhance safety at the facility for both the workers as well as those residents who are picking from the metal pile and adding to it. Currently, there are items in the pile that are unsuitable for reuse because they are either too rusty, brittle or have reached their end-of-life. These items make picking the pile cumbersome and dangerous. The operators need to have a location to put those items in order for residents who are either adding to the pile or removing from the pile to have a safe experience. In addition, the NH Department of Environmental Services has published Best Management Practices for storing scrap metal. Those BMPs recommend that piles be stored on impervious surface or in a covered container, and for the metal that is stored in stockpiles for it to be stored at a safe height and manner. The TS manager as well as the other employees have stated that they do not feel that the pile, in its current state, is safe. In addition, it is too costly to have a metal dealer come to the transfer station each week to pick up the unsuitable for reuse metal. The SWC feels that this container will be a win-win solution for both the town as well as the residents who voted to leave the pile as it stands.

#### **Other Business**

- Donna suggested adding "services" to the TS as a future discussion topic. Services to include vehicle vacuuming, air station for tires, etc. One other suggestion was car or dog washing station. These activities would not be appropriate with environmental regulations.
- Tara suggested that we get back to the thoughts of a 5-year plan for the TS and all SW activities.

**Next Meeting**

- We did not talk about intermediate meeting.
- September 19<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-7:30.

Adjourned at 7:35 pm.

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