

Transfer Station and Recycling Committee Meeting Minutes

Town Hall – Chenery Room

June 13, 2016

PRESENT: Chairman Megan Sullivan, Ann Thompson, Barbara Meyer, Rachel Brown, Steve Catanese, MaryPat McSharry, Ken Feeney, Bobby Kennedy Jr. and Michael Sullivan.

Megan Sullivan called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

Karen Shapiro was also in attendance as a possible new member to the committee.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to accept the May meeting minutes.

In response to concern over rates being raised for residents without notice, Ken Feeney will schedule a meeting with Electronic Redux regarding increase in resident fees for the disposal of electronics.

Financials – Recycling is still down. Talked about more education to the residents regarding the mandatory recycling policy.

Epilepsy Foundation bins to be put in place. There will be 4 bins in total. Goodwill wants to replace trailer with 2 bins. Megan feels that since we have 4 bins from the Epilepsy Foundation, that the Goodwill bins may not be needed.

Organics recycling ran through the month of May during Medfield Green Month and had a lot of interest. Logistics at the Transfer Station are working well. We have sold 43 complete kits, 12 kitchen scrap containers, 8 pails only and 2 rolls of biobags. We have plenty of kitchen scrap containers, large buckets, and biobags to meet the needs of residents through the summer and early fall. The Garden Continuum donated \$500 toward the program. Thank you! Rachel will be educating the residents at the Farmers' market in the summer. Wills sells biobags at their front desk.

The Organics Grant from MassDEP includes \$1,500 for equipment for the Transfer Station. EOMS (our organics hauler) provides up to 4 toters as part of their service. We cannot use the DEP grant funds toward household collection equipment so we discussed the possibility of using the grant funds to purchase our own toters (in case we ever switched to a different hauler or needed more than 4 toters each week). Rachel will investigate this.

There have been inquiries from people looking for back-yard composters. Minimum purchase is 20 units and the cost would be \$43. There is the possibility of a small scale initiative grant for compost bins.

The MassDEP grant request for FY 17 is due Wednesday June 15th. We are planning to submit requests for the \$1,000 small scale initiatives, \$4,400 for Recycling Dividends Program and possibly \$7,500 for an additional compactor. If awarded, the \$7,500 compactor grant would not cover the entire cost. It could possibly cost \$25k in total including equipment and site work. Discussion ensued and Ken

encouraged us to submit the request and if awarded we could approach the town's budget process for additional funds.

Medfield Green Month in May was very successful. Thank you to MEMO for sponsorship, Medfield Green for logistics and overall coordination and to the volunteers who staffed the various collections.

Medfield Green will have a table at Medfield Day in September and would be happy to share it with the Town to promote the organics program. There was discussion of whether we wanted to do anything more comprehensive with trash/recycling/organics on Medfield Day, including the possibility of collecting food waste (organics) at the food court area. Dover Trucking is contracted for the Medfield Day trash, and Bobby Kennedy suggested that Dover Trucking is open-minded. Rachel will look into this.

SWAP Area tent is being installed this week. Duration of parking seems to be an issue, requested a sign for "drop off items only." Nancy requested 30-minute parking signs be posted everywhere parking for the Swap is allowed. Another year: pursue the possibility of having drive-through drop off. A question was asked if there is any insurance for volunteers at the swap in case of injury. Mike Sullivan said he would look into this.

Rachel Brown offered to set up a Facebook page account for the Medfield Transfer Station. The idea was met with support and enthusiasm. Mary Pat suggested some "do" and "don't" photos for what would be appropriate at the Swap would be helpful.

We discussed the need for enforcement at the tip floor. Ken noted that when the summer help starts July 1, he will have resources to do some enforcement at the tip floor. Megan mentioned the Oops letter (shared in May) as a nice way to reach residents about recycling at the tip floor. Megan shared a proposed "Commercial Plate Addendum" for use at sticker renewal time. This would communicate to folks with commercial plates who have businesses that the transfer station is for residential trash only and confirm that these folks had an alternate way of disposing of materials. The committee was supportive of both these ideas.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to recommend Karen Shapiro as a new member of our committee to the Selectmen for approval.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am.

Next meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2016 at 10:00.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Cimeno and Barb Meyer