

TRANSFER STATION WORKING GROUP

November 9, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 3:32 with the following present: Chair Freddy Friedman, Marc Trachtenberg, Chuck Loring and Tara White.

Marc did an update on the Grant Award for a mattress container. Raw Materials Recovery has indicated that they will take the mattresses. They can also take furniture, appliances and electronics for the Town. The cost for hauling will be \$500 (may be less if they can co-ordinate with surrounding towns). They can also supply a separate container for batteries. The company will be doing up a contract that will be reviewed by the committee at their next meeting.

The Universal Waste Shed will house florescent bulbs, batteries (both regular & lithium) and other hazardous items. The Grant Award for that was \$5000. Freddy is researching a building for this use.

MADEP will supply a consultant for up to 80 hours to help develop a plan for the layout of the Transfer Station to make it more user friendly. We need 2 years of the filed Re-Trac forms and information from our DEP representative, Susan Waite, to apply for the grant.

Residents that have not renewed their Transfer Station Permits will be put into a bulk mailing with a reminder to renew if they haven't or update if they no longer use the Transfer Station or have moved from the area.

Marc stated that Spectrum can run the internet line from the road to the Transfer Station building at a cost of \$65.00. There would then be a monthly fee of \$49.95. This would enable payments from residents for disposal of items such as bulky, electronic, mattresses and furniture to pay, to pay in forms other than checks or cash. The current Verizon phone line would be eliminated and a new phone (with the same telephone number) will be setup. It will also allow for monitoring of the paper and wet garbage containers to see how full they are before calling to have them picked up.

The Group approved a new pro-rated fee schedule for Transfer Station stickers. This **only applies** to anyone who is a new home owner or has switched from a pickup service to the Town's Transfer Station. Anyone who should have gotten a new transfer station sticker in July, will **not be eligible** for the pro-rated fee.

The Group also approved purchasing a diesel heater for the swap shop to allow for the employees to stay warm and still oversee the Transfer Station without using their own cars.

With all business concluded, the meeting adjourned at 4:15pm.

Submitted by:

Tara White