

Transfer Station Working Group - Minutes March 24, 2021

Members present via Zoom were Freddy Friedman, Andrea Ferrara, Joan Elmer, Nat Yohalem, Cece Caldwell, and CarrieAnne Petrik. Tara White was also in attendance.

Meeting was called to order at 5:01 PM

Members introduced themselves and personal interests relating to this working group.

The Transfer Station Working Group mission statement was read aloud. An overview of the purposes for forming this working group was given by Freddy Friedman, including that new state mandates must be met, and that goals may be achieved through available grants.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to appoint Freddy Friedman as Chairman of the Transfer Station Working Group. Members voted: Joan Elmer -aye, Nat Yohalem - aye, Andrea Ferrara - aye, Freddy Friedman - aye.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to appoint Andrea Ferrara as Secretary. Members voted: Freddy Friedman -aye, Joan Elmer - aye, Nat Yohalem - aye, Andrea Ferrara - aye.

Nat Yohalem provided background of the current transfer station, including that the land is contaminated and the high cost for remediation has in the past indicated that the town would need to continue to lease the land indefinitely, despite the future operation of the transfer station.

Agreement was made that there are three possible options for the future of the transfer station, which this working group will explore:

- Shut down the transfer station while continuing to lease the land
- Turn operation of the transfer station over to a private company
- Update operation of transfer station by the town to comply with mandates and allow for expanded recycling

Nat Yohalem shared that the state would provide for 80 hours of consultant services to inform of the requirements and costs for the town to operate the transfer station.

Discussed that the best course of action would be to gather information from a state consultant and three private companies in order to make an informed recommendation to the Board of Selectmen.

Decisions made regarding next steps:

- Carrieanne Petrik will contact Veronique Blanchard with an invitation to attend a future meeting to provide some information
- Freddy Friedman can contact Daily, Valley, or Cosella to determine interest in taking over the transfer station and offer an invitation to a future working group meeting
- Cece Caldwell will contact Tom Stalker for information about available grants

Two future meetings were scheduled for 5:00 PM on April 7th and April 21st.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to adjourn the meeting at 5:53 PM.

Freddy Friedman - aye, Nat Yohalem - aye, Joan Elmer - aye, Andrea Ferrara - aye, Carrieanne Petrik - aye.

Submitted by Andrea Ferrara