

Town of Alexandria
Transfer Station Siting Committee
Minutes – July 21, 2020

Meeting began at 6:25 pm

Members Present: Ken Hall, Steve Whitman, Jeff Cantara, Jennifer Dostie

BOS Members Present: Robert Piehler, George Tuthill, Chet Caron

Guests attending the meeting: Mike Provost, Ed Skrobak, Keith Bruning

- ❖ Mr. Tuthill announced that the Town officially owns the property; the closing took place on July 10, 2020.
- ❖ Erin Darrow from Right Angle Engineering will be available via a Zoom meeting on Tuesday, August 4, 2020.
- ❖ Jeff Cantara will be meeting with Erin Darrow and a contractor on Thursday morning, July 23, 2020 to dig additional test pits to check gravel and sand. They will also be going over areas for wetlands delineation. Mr. Cantara reviewed on a map of the property the areas that have been checked already for gravel content. He stated that the upper level of the lot has mostly fill and the lower area has more potential for gravel and winter sand. Mr. Whitman expressed concerns that the town is careful about the location of any wetlands before digging further test pits. Mr. Cantara explained that the meeting on Thursday with Erin Darrow will be to clarify the area considered wetlands.
- ❖ There was discussion on whether there would be a good area for a dug well. Mr. Cantara felt that a drilled well may be an option that could be used to also fill fire trucks and water tanks.
- ❖ Mr. Cantara asked whether he should pursue additional estimates for engineering work. There was discussion regarding whether our current engineer would have adequate time to complete the project.
- ❖ There was discussion about having soil samples tested on the property so that we are aware of any potential problems.
- ❖ There was discussion about mowing a portion of the area to get a better idea the condition of the land.
- ❖ There was discussion on whether to pursue the project in stages or to obtain financing for the full project.
- ❖ Paige Wilson from Lakes Region Planning Commission will be invited to attend a meeting to explain grant and other funding options.
- ❖ It was requested that visits be planned for the Bristol and Barnstead transfer stations. Members of the committee were invited to attend a tour of Gilford Transfer Station with Paige Wilson from LRPC. Some concerns were expressed about making sure to choose sites that were along the size and scope of the town's needs. Mr. Whitman suggested a decision be made on whether the town wants to be a regionalized center for any recycling before proceeding with planning.
- ❖ Steve Whitman requested suggestions for the Gantt chart.
- ❖ There was discussion about drafting a survey for taxpayers to complete regarding what they would like to see at the new transfer station. Steve Whitman volunteered to compile the questions if members of the committee send them to him. Mr. Tuthill suggested the

committee schedule a meeting to obtain public input some time in late August or early September.

- ❖ The minutes of the June 30, 2020 meeting were approved.
- ❖ Mr. Bruning suggested that trees be planted along the edge of the property along the Solar Acres development border. Mr. Cantara suggested putting in a berm in that area as well as a section of the lower property that is visible to an abutting house.
- ❖ Mr. Cantara also suggested putting jersey barriers at the entrances to the property to prevent people from going into the property as well as signs to deter people from entering.
- ❖ Mr. Hall suggested that there be a separate access to the road into and out of the transfer station for ease of traffic flow.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm
Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Dostie, Secretary