

Town of Alexandria  
**Transfer Station Siting Committee**  
Minutes – September 15, 2020

Meeting began at 6:30 pm

Members Present: Jeff Cantara, Ken Hall, Sue Hunt, Jennifer Dostie, Steve Whitman (remote)

BOS Members Present: Robert Piehler, George Tuthill

Guests attending the meeting: Ed Skrobak, Keith Bruning, Phillip Davis, Herb D’Arcy (Bristol Sustainability Committee) and Nik Coates (Bristol Town Administrator)

- ❖ Mr. Tuthill provided an update from Erin Darrow, Right Angle Engineering:
  - Stonecipher & Clark Environmental out of Littleton, NH is working on a proposal for a Phase I/Phase II Site Assessment. We are going to start with very general testing and site evaluation and see if more detailed work and removal/remediation is needed. Ms. Darrow will have a cost from them by the end of this week.
  - Ms. Darrow set up a meeting at the BCEP Transfer Station facility for September 23; members of the TSSC toured the facility earlier today.
  - Test pits for the high intensity soil survey are scheduled for Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 am.
- ❖ Mr. Hall and Mr. Tuthill provided the following summary from the BCEP site visit.
  - BCEP Solid Waste District includes the towns of Barnstead, Chichester, Epsom, and Pittsfield. They are considered a separate solid waste district with their own governance consisting of two members from each town. The budget for the facility is passed by their board with a minimum of six out of eight votes. The amount the towns pay is based on population.
  - Recycling is mandatory. If they choose to not recycle, then they pay \$0.10 per pound for disposal.
  - They crush their own glass into a processed glass aggregate that can be used in place of sand or gravel.
  - Construction debris is dumped on the ground and residents can pick through and take items to use.
  - They have their own truck they use to haul containers.
  - They pick up trash from their local schools.
- ❖ Nik Coates and Herb D’Arcy were present to discuss potential collaboration with Bristol and/or neighboring towns for recycling.
  - Mr. Coates expressed that Bristol has the desire to increase recycling but is limited by space. Mr. Coates said that the Bristol Selectmen are on board with discussing a regional approach for recycling.
  - Mr. Tuthill asked what other towns Mr. Coates had in mind for regionalizing.
    - Mr. Coates currently has an MOU with Hebron so that residents of Hebron can utilize the Bristol Transfer Station.
    - Mr. Coates will be bringing up the idea with New Hampton.
    - Mr. Tuthill asked if Bridgewater still had an incinerator; Bridgewater still uses the incinerator. There was some discussion on the previous collaboration between Hebron and Bridgewater.

- There was a question on whether Danbury might have any interest; Danbury has not yet been approached.
- Mr. Piehler expressed concerns that allowing Bristol residents to bring recycling to the Alexandria Transfer Station may increase traffic in a rural area.
- There was discussion on potential ways for towns to work together with recycling. Mr. Coates mentioned that Bristol used to gather cardboard in a trailer and haul it to Ashland; Ashland would store it and send it for recycling. There was discussion on sharing the expense of a truck and driver to save on hauling fees.
- Concerns were expressed regarding have an MOU versus shared governance. With an MOU, the agreement can be changed with changes in town governance. With shared governance, there is a higher chance of longevity of the agreement.
- Mr. D'Arcy reviewed the cost estimates that his committee has put together for a bailer. A vertical baler that only handles cardboard is between \$61,000 and \$67,000; a horizontal baler that handles cardboard, plastic, and aluminum cans is around \$83,000.
- Mr. Tuthill suggested that Mr. Coates attend the Alexandria Transfer Station Siting Committee meetings if he is available. This will allow for continued input and updates on progress for potential regionalization.
- ❖ There was discussion on arranging a visit to the Campton/Thornton Transfer Station.
- ❖ Mr. Tuthill stated that subcommittee consisting of George Tuthill, Steve Whitman, and Sue Hunt has been formed to discuss financing options. Mr. Coates offered the assistance of Bristol's Finance Director, Robert Blanchette.
- ❖ The next TSSC meeting will be Tuesday, September 29, 2020 after the Selectmen's meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Dostie, Secretary