

Town of Alexandria
Transfer Station Siting Committee
Minutes – October 19, 2021

Meeting began at 6:30 pm

Members Present: Jennifer Dostie, Steve Whitman, Paul Sirard, Ken Hall

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

Guests attending the meeting: Michael Provost, Kerri Rockwell, Nancy McComas-Sharp, Larry Sharp, Vinnie Governanti, Steve LaCasse

❖ **Updates**

- Permitting
 - Shoreland permit has been submitted
 - Before the Permit by Notification can be submitted, an endangered species survey is required to be submitted. Erin Darrow will be reviewing the Natural Resources Inventory that the Town had completed by Moosewood Ecological in order to see if that will be sufficient.
- Layout Revisions
 - Modifications to the proposed layout done by Right Angle Engineering were discussed that included:
 - The entrance was widened and a berm added to make a clear difference between the entrance and exit lanes. A gate was also added to the entrance approximately forty feet from the entrance to allow for an area for trucks to be off the road when opening the gates.
 - There was discussion on traffic flow and whether there was ample room for people to pull to the side to remove trash from their vehicles to alleviate problems with waiting lines.

❖ **Bins for Recyclables**

- It was determined that cardboard and paper would be the only containers, other than the compactors, that would be required to be under cover. This resulted in discussion on how much of an area would need to be covered by a structure and the type of structure. Containers for plastics, glass, metal, and construction debris would not need to be covered.
- The vendor that takes the electronics provides boxes to put the electronics.
- Tires are stored in a shipping container.
- Refrigerators and air conditioners are left outside in an area until the vendor comes to remove the coolant/refrigerant and then the items are put into the metal recycling container.
- The location of the storage of the tire container, electronics, and refrigerators/AC was discussed. The location of the yard waste area was briefly discussed on whether it could be shifted to allow for a drop off location for other items or if they could be included at the end of the area where the recycling containers will be.

❖ **Other**

- Concern was expressed about whether there was the potential for toxic materials to be released from containers if water gets in them and the water drains out. The containers for the compactors with general household trash do not drain out water. There was discussion that this would be addressed as part of the permitting process.
- The need to close off the old well on the property was discussed.
- There was discussion on obtaining bonds for the construction of the new transfer station in order to spread the cost out over years. The bond for the highway garage will be paid off in 2022.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm
Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Dostie