

Transfer Station Siting Committee Meeting

March 15, 2022

Minutes

Committee members attending: Chet Caron, Bob Piehler, George Tuthill, Ken Hall, Paul Sirard, Steve Whitman, Jennifer Dostie, Sue Hunt

Members of the public participating: Kerry Rockwell, Mike Provost, Larry Sharp, Nancy McComas- Sharp, Stephanie McComas, Steve Lacasse, Vinnie Governanti,

A quorum of members being present, the meeting was called to order by George Tuthill at 6:30 pm.

A number of updates were given:

- George Tuthill noted that at Voting Day on 3/8 the town approved the expenditure of \$50,000 to establish the gravel operation on the southern portion of the town-owned parcel. Erin Darrow, of Right Angle Engineering, had communicated to the town that an issue with the presence of an endangered species (hawk) on the site had been resolved with the state, and the necessary Alteration of Terrain permit application was expected to be ready for SB signature the week of the 21st. N.H DES will have 90 days to respond to the permit application, and after approval the town can move forward with selecting a contractor to begin the work. There is still a ROW issue to be resolved with Eversource.
- Steve Whitman explained that not much has changed with our recycling other than bringing our cardboard to Bristol for recycling. They are always looking for better recycling options for other products, like tires and plastic. Ken Hall said that they are bringing plastic bags to Hannaford for recycling, and that substantial savings have already been realized by taking our cardboard to Bristol and thereby reducing our tipping fees..

The main part of the meeting was devoted to brainstorming ideas to for reducing scope and cost of the proposed station, starting from the plan provided by Right Angle Engineering. The following items and issues were suggested:

- Begin by setting a budget ceiling – say perhaps 1 M\$ - that we feel has a chance with the voters
- Get an estimate for site clean-up cost
- Use local contractors if possible
- Consider the design “expandable” – get the full design permitted, but not build out all elements of the permitted design initially
- Do not include scales at this stage
- Reduce the length of the container wall
- Eliminate roof – initially, a cover is needed only for compactors and backhoe/equipment
- Two compactors are essential (will also help in making the transition)
- Look at alternatives for employee building: temporary/prefab/mobile office
- Take security into consideration: what is bare minimum?
- Keep septic and well
- For building for backhoe/equipment storage: can we go timber frame or metal frame? Can we use a local sawmill for cheaper materials?
- Concrete pad only as needed; not needed under containers for tires, aluminum, or electronics
- Remove recycling building from design
- Reduce/eliminate paving
- Consider options for buffer area for neighboring properties (berm? trees?)

Other items discussed included using a different engineering service, exploring the cost of insurance and the town's liability for the gravel pit, and exploring the purchase of the land the current transfer station sits on. In regard to the last item, Ken Hall said that he spoke with Boake Morrison and the price would be around \$500,000 if the Town wanted to buy the two acres.

The meeting ended at 7:30 pm

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Dostie and George Tuthill.