

Solid Waste Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

January 28,2021

Board members present: Charlotte Hebert, Phil Griffin, Adam VonDette, Audrey Bethel

Also present: Laura Buono, Luke Levesque, Jon Daley (Hillsboro resident) and Kay Hartnett (Deering resident)

Please note: Meeting was conducted via Zoom

We start by discussing the year end totals that Luke shared. Overall, about 10% increase in trash & recycling tonnage

The cardboard deal Luke has shifted to with Naughton and Son is saving us approx \$2,000 / trucking trip. He reiterates that it seems to be working out with the trailer for cardboard storage that the transfer station has now purchased.

The radar counter we had asked Laura and Luke to look into seems like it will be best to use in the summer- so it is suggested a week in August sometime.

Audrey wonders if maybe we could collect some data about cars coming through the transfer station prior to that season, perhaps SWAB members could volunteer to take shifts with the manual clicker counter on a Saturday. Some conversation on the topic has people willing to do that- however Luke says it would be kind of a random slice of data , as every Saturday they see different amounts of traffic, etc. Laura asks what we want to collect the data for?

Seems like we need more rationale for the counter. Audrey maintains that it does seem to be important to get baseline data so we can compare in the future.

Asking about the progress on securing a new, bigger baler for the cardboard. Laura checks and we have approx \$13,000 in the capital reserve fund to purchase baler right now. So there is no need to wait until town meeting. Adam mentions that the baler we have now could then be used for aluminum as we had talked about in the past, and there does seem to be space for both now.

Kay says she would prefer to not be officially on the SWAB at this time. However she wants to continue to be involved. Laura says if she does want to join the Deering Board of Selectmen would be the ones to officially appoint her.

Luke reports that he did present the Brush information to the Hillsboro Board of Selectmen recently and explained some options for the fee scale idea to deal with the commercial haulers using our brush are free of charge at our expense. Audrey says maybe SWAB could go to the Selectmen's board meeting next time it is being discussed to share more information and weigh in. Laura says she will let the group know when it is going to be on the agenda (probably mid march sometime) so we can go.

Next meeting : Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 8 am IN PERSON for those who want to as well as virtually for those who feel more comfortable that way. Zoom link to be emailed out by Laura as date approaches.