Solid Waste Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

December 1, 2022

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

**Also present:** Laura Buono, Luke Levesque, Angie Pulcochov

We get update from Angie and Luke about new signage ( including sandwich boards) from NH the Beautiful and discuss how the overall tonnage has finally leveled out to pre-Covid levels. Luke notes how hard it had been to keep up with “over 100 tons more of demo a year”.

Reviewing the year, it is noted that in light of the brush pile rules (scale house for commercial vehicles) and with the introduction of a max diameter -now a lot of commercial landscaping business folks have opted to bring it directly to Couisenau’s in Henniker.

Adam asks about the need for a new MSW container, Luke says it is still a need, as it would be $6,000. To patch the old one. For a new / used one, it will be approx $100,000. Need a warrant article at town meeting this year. “ Any used trailer is snatched up as soon as it is posted” there’s a website called Unibid for municipal equipment.

Then the conversation turns to what our advisory board would like to focus on in the coming year. We revisit the resident sticker – something that would be annually renewed to use the transfer station facility. We talk about various pros and cons and everyone agrees there are lots of good reasons to have stickers and enforce them. Whether or not to distribute at the Transfer Station or the town offices when folks register their car is the big question. For summer only residents they could still get the sticker at town office, just need to stop in . maybe $5 to cover the cost of stickers and processing fees. Maybe top corner of passenger side so snow doesn’t cover them. Change the color every year… We discuss how many people have two vehicles, would it be $5 to get 2 stickers per household, or ?

Maybe SWAB members could spend a few weeks at the TS as we get ready to launch this is 2024 and prepare people and explain to them about the change to help ease the burden off the employees at the TS. We decide to do a bit more research on how other towns handle their stickers and report back.

We discuss Annual Report needs to be written before next meeting; to include annual compost sale, hydration station and some educational tidbits “did you know”?

Next meeting is January 26th at 8 am