

Solid Waste Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2023

Board members present: Charlotte Hebert, Adam VonDette, Phil Griffin, Audrey Bethel, Mike Collins
Also present: Laura Buono, Luke Levesque, Angie Pulcochov, Kay Harnett

We debrief the town meetings and how the townspeople voted to secure the capital reserve funds enough to purchase new trailer. Now, Luke explains, he has to get “proposals” in for the new trailer from potential sellers. We compare the tonnage report from the 2022 annual report and the 2021 to note how tonnage is slowly going back down to almost pre-covid numbers. Kay asks if in the future reports we could put asterisk next to items in the tonnage report that make money for our community. We discuss how it would be good to keep reminding residents that certain recyclables off-set the operating costs. Luke says that is a bit tough because the materials change cost. Page 99 in this year’s annual report is statement revenue . Next year Laura will highlight Aluminum and Cardboard and have a basic sentence about how “when you recycle these items last year it lowered your taxes through off-setting the operating costs.

Mike reports that he called the Penacook incinerator and found out some facts—they use 1.3 megawatts to produce 6.4 mega watts then they transfer all the ash waste from incinerator down to a landfill in Bedford, MA.

We discuss the hazardous waste day May 7th and the fact that Antrim and Bennington will be participating again. The company who puts on the event will keep track of # of residents from which town, so they can bill each town appropriately. Deering and Windsor and Hillsboro websites would post this info.

We discuss talking to each town’s admin to post on Websites.

Then we move discussion to stickers for TS. Luke and Angie say they think this is an important thing to tackle the topic, and if we want to actually do it, it will take lots of prep and planning. We discuss various ways we could issue stickers and whether or not they would be annually re-issued and how much they would cost and where folks get them. Also discussion of what the stickers would look like and where they would be affixed in the vehicles.

Each member of the SWAB picks Transfer Station to contact to ask questions about how they do it, to report back at our next meeting.

1. How many residents do you serve?
2. Do you require stickers?
3. If the answer to question #2 is “no” – How do you monitor who uses your facility?
4. If the answer to question #2 is “yes” - How do you distribute stickers?
5. Do you charge for stickers and if so, how much?
6. How often are stickers renewed?
7. Do you enforce the stickers and how easy is it to enforce?
8. Do you feel the sticker program works well? -OR- What do you like/not like about the sticker program?
9. What do your stickers look like (transparent, color, etc.)

Mike – Merrimack & Henniker
Charlotte – Antrim & Washington
Phil – Hopkinton & Weare
Adam – Milford
Audrey – New London
Kay – Peterborough

Next Meeting is May 4th at 8 am.