**Solid Waste Advisory Board**

**9/12/24**

In Attendance:

Board Members: Adam VonDette, Charlotte Hebert, Phil Griffin, Audrey Bethel, Mike Collins

Non-board members: Laura Buono, Angie Pulcochov, Kay Hartnett

We start by debriefing the July Summer Fest (we haven’t met since then). Charlotte counts the petty cash from donations/raffle tickets/ water bottles sales. We give Laura $255.50. And keep $55 in the purse for change. We calculate that when we figure that with we started with, there was $162 net gain. We discuss ways to keep the hydration station water cold next year. Adam has idea for a coil of hose in a barrel with ice so we don’t need to keep filling individuals’ water bottles with ice (to make it easier and even more hygienic).We discuss how much people appreciate our service, and when it is hot like it was that weekend, our station is a medical support to the festival too. Before next July we want to re-do the signage. Charlotte asks about laminating and Laura says if she receives the text in advance she can get it laminated at the town office. We also need to purchase more water bottles before next year- only a few left. Audrey reports it was almost a full pickup truck load of aluminum cans she brought to Transfer Station at the end of the weekend. Deering 250th did not generate much recycling waste to pick up , but Kay and Adam are still glad they did that service to message that we want to support recycling efforts. Charlotte recommends looking into recycling cans next summer at the Deerign Truck Show in August. Upcoming softball tournament at Grimes is another can recycling opportunity that Adam will find out date for.

Angie reports that the Transfer Station has seen an uptick in cans being recycled in general. She says Oxbow campground is awesome about it and generates a lot and they are sorted clean. A full container of bailed aluminum is 16 bales and they have been averaging on a month this summer (each bale = approx 400-500lbs)We talk about how we could increase messaging about how much $ recycling makes our community by having simple signs added when you enter transfer station that say things like:

“Cans & Cardboard = Revenue: Revenues Offset Tax Rate!”

Angie also reports that they have a good rhythm going with the steel cans and when staff from NRRA toured recently it was determined it would not be more cost effective at this time to bale the steel. They average a container of steel cans about every other month.

We discuss the possibility of approaching the American Legion and The Moose Lodge to ask again if they would be willing to separate aluminum cans- the big obstacle is the pick up of said cans to get them to Transfer Station. We talk about framing it as a “community service” to help our town recoup money. Angie says there is a new trash hauler in town who she will think about asking whether or not they would swing by either of those community club centers to make it easier for them to recycle.

Sticker permits are going smoothly. Angie says there have been 105 seasonal permits distributed at the Transfer Station.

We talk about having info more clear as we approach 2025 ( red stickers) maybe an article in Hillsboro Hub , maybe a Letter to the Editor, Mike suggests having info about (TS permit sticker available for free at town offices when you register your car” as key information on all 3 town websites. As well as the most current tally of money we have made from recycling cardboard & cans on websites and in other locations at the TS (not just on white board by Larry’s station).

Laura needs an estimate as to how many stickers to order for 2025. She has asked that Windsor and Deering reps come to next meeting with the # count and sticker permit logs. Kay says she will talk to Wendy.

Laura confirms that Audrey or Mike will take meeting minutes at each meeting. Seems like this year some of the meeting minutes were not submitted to the office and they all need to be submitted to Dianne or Mary so they can be posted.

Adam will try to confirm a tour at the Wheelabrator incinerator facility in Penacook for the morning of Oct 24th . He will follow up to let us all know.

Next Meeting at town offices Thursday Nov. 14th at 8 am.