

**Transfer Station Committee
Meeting
November 23, 2009
6:30 PM**

Members present: Chairman David Woodsome, Karen Banks, Mike DeAngelis, Jon Gale, Dennis Abbott, Bob Gobeil, Clint Andrews, Don Foisie and Committee Secretary Nancy Roberge.

Meeting called to order at 6:35 PM.

Motion by Karen and 2nd by David and approved 4-0 to approve the October 26, 2009 minutes.

Silver Bullets: We have all that we need and Nancy Brant approved the purchase of 2 signs for placement on the silver bullets at the Town Hall and Lions Club. The one at Massabesic Middle School is already ¾ full.

Karen suggested a contest with a point system to promote recycling at the schools and possibly starting with Massabesic Middle School. Mike will speak with Dave Hall at the MMS about this project. The Committee could possibly ask Missy at EcoMaine to do a presentation at the schools. Also a suggestion of the winners of the contest could go on a field trip to EcoMaine. The Committee would also like to have the schools participate in the poster contest again next year.

Hollis Stickers: Clint reported that Hollis has already ordered the stickers but there has been no discussion of the price for this up coming year.

Website Minutes: Nancy Roberge to research on which minutes are missing from the website and work with Dave Lowe to get them posted.

Surveys: Committee members stopped and surveyed 83 cars at the Transfer Station. After computing the numbers of the 83 people/cars:

Everybody had household waste	Average number of bags = 3	Nobody had recycling only
Average number with hhw & recyclables = 2.	More than ½ the cars surveyed said yes they recycle, but didn't have any recycling that day.	40% No Recyclables 60% Recyclables

When the surveys were being completed, there were various comments made: 1. Different days open/close at the Transfer Station. 2. Angry over increase in sticker price. 3. Needing help with where to put things and what to dump. 4. Promises to recycle. 5. Just lax in recycling.

We need to calculate the cost of the trash a family of 4 produces and how much does it cost your neighbor if they do not recycle.

There was a suggestion of day workshop at the Transfer Station to assist people to show people what is recyclable and how to recycle. Mike suggested to set up a station at the Transfer Station to show people what is recyclable. Mike will be the example family of 4 and he will do this on November 29th with David from 1:00 – 3:00 and December 6th with Jon from 1:00 – 3:00. Anybody that stops to listen will be given a roll of small yellow bags.

The Committee came up with the following schedule:

- 12/2 – Clint and Dennis to go over the “Yarmouth Plan”.
- 12/7 – Transfer Station Meeting at 6:30 PM
- 12/10 – Advertise/Data

Clint reported that the Transfer Station applied and was awarded a \$500.00 matching grant to create flyers for recycling.

Mike to have Kerry DeAngelis work on creating a flyer and ready to use as a hand out on 12/7/09.

Clint reported that Grace Family church is bringing in demolition to the Transfer Station and they are not paying for the disposal.

Lakeside Church: Mike to speak to pastor Barry Murray about recycling at his church.

JD's: Mike DeAngelis to speak to Mike at JD's to encourage them to recycle their paper & paperboard.

Ideas to Encourage Recycling:

- Karen suggested home calls to townspeople to increase recycling. There are companies that will record your 30 second message and call townspeople in a certain area and play your pre-recorded message. Karen to check into this further.
- Obtain townspeople's email address and send out periodic emails.
- Channel 2 Video

Mike commented that there is a bag of trash in the trash barrel at Gobeil Park every Friday morning. Mike has gone through the bags several times and has not been able to find any mail with the persons name on it.

The next meeting will be held on December 7, 2009 @ 6:30 PM. This will replace our regularly scheduled 4th Monday of the month meeting (due to Christmas).

Motion to adjourn at 8:30 Pm by David and 2nd by Karen and approved 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Roberge,
Committee Secretary