

Transfer Station Committee
April 26, 2010
6:35 PM

Members present: David Woodsome, Karen Banks, Mike DeAngelis, David Johnson, Pat Aureli, Jon Gale, Dennis Abbott and Committee Secretary Nancy Roberge.

Meeting called to order at 6:35 PM.

March 22, 2010 Workshop minutes approved by a motion from Dennis and 2nd from Karen and approved 5-0.

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Dennis reported that the Selectmen approved a Referendum vote on 6/8/10 for a pay as you throw system. No bag size limit and free tags. This system will probably go into effect 8/1/10. Karen suggested handing out flyers on 6/8/10 outside the building.

Possible wording on the Referendum: Would you favor an equitable recycling/waste management system that credits each business/household with 52 tags per year to be used for the disposal of household waste at the Transfer Station? Subsequent tags will be sold for \$1.00.

David suggested that people who oppose the pay as you throw system invite them to talk to the Selectmen at the Selectman's Meeting.

Motion by Karen that the number of free bags per year will be 52 and then \$1.00 each additional 2nd by Pat and approved 5-0.

Karen made several suggestions:

1. Recommended running ads in the paper to promote the pay as you throw system, but in those ads we need to mention reducing the transportation costs into Ecomaine.
2. Suggested a mass mailing for post cards to promote. Mike will get a price on post cards.
3. Suggested ROBO calls, where a machine calls Waterboro phone numbers and leave a 1 minutes message.
4. Suggested making a huge sign for the Transfer Station to promote pay as you throw.
5. A "recycling thermometer" at the entrance of the Transfer Station.

There was a suggestion that violators of the pay as you throw system license plate number be taken and the Selectmen send the violators a letter.

Dennis informed the Committee that the Finance Committee approved raising the additional funds of \$23,000.00 for the recycling compactor.

Mike has spoken to the schools about doing a mock vote for pay as you throw. Dennis suggested using real ballots for the kids mock vote. How much will it cost for the additional ballots? Suggestion for the mock vote for the students the week of 5/16/10. The students need to know some facts and figures about trash. The Committee would like to publish the mock vote in the paper.

There was a suggestion of an essay/poster contest at the schools grade 1-6 and the Committee spend \$60.00 to \$100.00 in prizes.

Pat reported that on West Road there is a ton of trash on the side of the roads. Mike suggested Pat to email him with the approx. address where the trash is and he will go pick up.

An email from Clint was distributed and he reported that the \$500.00 grant for the recycling flyer, we received

\$1,619.80. It costs us \$444.80 for postage and \$575.00 for printing.

Compost: Karen reported that someone at the Transfer Station loaded a trailer full of compost. Isn't there supposed to be a 1 yard limit?

Pat reported she followed a truck from Sanford into Waterboro with a truck loaded full of bulkie waste. She then called the Transfer Station and asked if a similar truck came into the Transfer Station and dumped and she was told yes.

The next meeting will be March 17th and March 24th at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Roberge