

Solid Waste and Recycling Committee (SWRC) Minutes **DRAFT**

Wednesday, April 12, 2023

5:35 to 7PM at Readfield Town Office 8 Old Kents Hill Road 2nd floor

Eric Dyer is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Attending: Lacy Badeau, Eric Dyer, Kim King, Karen Peterson, Brent St. Clair, Bob Weimont, Kathryn Woodsum

1. Roll call and determination of quorum
2. Review of minutes from January 11, 2023 (*attached*) Motion to approve passed with 2 votes
3. Oral and written communications: See addendum to Minutes for written report
 - a. Readfield Transfer Station Manager report: Karen and Eric
 - i. General operations
 - ii. Recent changes: The Transfer Station is no longer open to the public on Thursdays. After a complaint was lodged to the Town of Readfield about only allowing Senior Citizens to utilize the Transfer Station on Thursdays for Senior Hours, legal counsel was consulted. We were informed that we, as a governmental agency, were violating discrimination laws by only be open to a selected group of citizens; we have to be open to all citizens or none. As Thursday is the commercial hauler day to bring in large loads, we cannot accommodate a full open day for all citizens in a safe manner. All towns were notified of the change. We can discuss possible solutions at our next meeting.
 - iii. Quarterly financial review: January – March 2023
4. Members of the public may address the SWRC on issues pertinent to the agenda. None present.
5. Unfinished business
 - a. Signs for Transfer Station update: The signs are here and will be installed in June.
 - b. Lighting Update: Installed to illuminate the gravel drop off areas.
 - c. Equipment replacement timeline; discussion from last meeting. Not presented; Eric will send out.
6. New business.
 - a. Food Composting Event plans for early June with Mark King and Intern Dominique Disprito Discussion: June 11th. At the Transfer Station. Want to focus on the piles and the associated savings, the process and having a composting give-away. Plan to have kids face painting. Consider holding some event at the Starling Grange Hall Plant Sale in Fayette with a bin set up in advance, and at the Wayne Plant Sale and Strawberry Festival in July. Could have materials available during voting day in all three towns, leave a bin set up at the Transfer Station.
 - b. HHW Collection Event plans for Sunday July 9th, 9AM to Noon. Contact Town Manager if you wish to assist for your town.
7. Set next agenda.
 - a. Reminder we meet on the second Wednesday of a month now.
 - i. Wednesday July 12, 2023 at Wayne Ladd Rec Center
 1. Review of HHW Collection event
 2. Senior Hours solutions

ii. Wednesday October 11, 2023 in Fayette (See if they are holding meetings now.)

1. Other

8. Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted by: Kathryn Mills Woodsum