

## **SWRC MINUTES**

Wednesday, January 31, 2018  
5:30 – 7:00 pm @ Fayette School

Attendees: Eric Dyer, Aaron Chrostowsky, Kathryn Woodsum, Stephanie Haines, Bob Weimont, Tom Dunham, Jon Beckman and Michael Hicks.

### **1. Roll Call and determination of quorum;**

*A quorum was determined.*

### **2. Review of minutes from October 25, 2017.**

*A motion was made to approve the minutes as sent out, seconded and minutes were approved after 6a, "Survey has been sent out to haulers." Was stricken from the record.*

### **3. Oral and written communications.**

#### **a. Update from Readfield Transfer Station Manager**

##### **i. Quarterly Financials**

*Eric- Looking positive, revenues are ahead of expectations and expenditures are below. Fee items are an issue and we are behind a little. Recyclables are also an issue.*

##### **ii. General Operations**

*Eric- Good job done on clearing out facility by December; brush pile, clean wood, Freon, etc., though we are foreseeing a cost increase going forward. Traffic flow continues to be successful, looking forward to signs being installed and lines being restriped. Maintenance person was lost and a new hire is forthcoming.*

*There was a discussion as to the benefits of the future gatehouse as to assisting customers, review collections, etc. The construction could occur this year in the Spring with the approval of the SWRC board and select boards of each town, or at the start of the fiscal year in July/ August 2018. Cost is estimated at \$5,000.00 for a 4 x 8 building with utilities and a Jersey barrier. Construction of the building before the summer influx of residents would be ideal.*

*Discussion of the dumpster cover revealed plans to remove it and save for future use. Battery storage unit should be covered.*

### **4. Members of the public may address the SWRC on issues pertinent to the agenda.**

*No members of the public in attendance.*

## **5. Unfinished business.**

### **a. Subcommittees**

**i. Recycling:** *Kathryn Woodsum has written a couple of articles and will be forwarded for publication to towns. EPA had resources available to calculate cost of recycling. Various options discussed as to charges to be assessed on waste.*

**ii. Composting:** *Mike Hicks had handouts printed from Maine DEP. Discussed how do we get composting information out to public, be it town newsletters, flyers at the Transfer station, involve local school with a composting segment in their curriculum. Not only is traditional backyard composting information available, but also vermicomposting (worms- red wigglers). Discussion was had as to whether the Transfer Station would opt to make compost and vermicomposting bins or other options (lobster fence) available to sell to residents or just make the purchase information available. Discussion was had as to herbicides on grass clippings left at the Transfer Station, should a sign be posting asking that they not be mixed into the green pile? Research to be done by Bob.*

**iii. Outreach and Education:** *See above discussion. Maps of the Transfer Station for residents would be desirable.*

**iv. Operations/ Maintenance:** *Bill Drake had forwarded information relative to clear bags. Clear bags were clarified to be defined as opaque, translucent or other better descriptive wording. Stephanie Haines advised that Wayne is not in favor of a clear bag system. There was a committee for “pay as you throw” in the past and they were concerns as to the illegal dumping that may occur as a result. Kathryn Woodsum added that this is not meant to be a “pay as you throw system”, ideally no funds would need to be collected by staff. Kathryn will consult with Bill. It is a way to motivate residents to recycle. Fayette has concerns as to the effect of enforcement with haulers. Haulers input would be needed and a meeting should be held. Pros and cons require more discussion on the issue.*

### **g. Other, if any.**

## **6. New Business.**

**a. Discussion of member attendance policy:** *Kathryn proffered that in Readfield a committee member must notify someone if they are unable to attend, if there are 3 “un-excused” absences they are removed from the board. A discussion was had and she will write up a rule going forward for review by the committee.*

**b. Budget:** *Eric reviewed handouts provided for the committee. Fiscal Year by year comparison post-Fayette was reviewed, with MSW increasing. Staffing/ Facility hours were briefly discussed, but will be put on hold for additional discussion in the future. There were valuable thoughts and ideas presented by Bill Drake that can be utilized in the next contract negotiations. Demo costs were more or less breakeven, though they are starting to cause a small loss. Cost of demo and clean wood should be set the same and this may help with the cost override. The gatehouse and an increased usage of a standardized system by staff may help with the collection of required fees.*

*There has been a net increase of approximately \$17,000.00 (8-9%) as a result of labor costs, recycling costs, backhoe repairs, etc. There were discussions as to bookkeeping systems available as to repair/ replacement cost with general accounts vs. specific accounts, as well as fixed assets and rolling stock.*

*The entry drive to the Transfer Station will be resurfaced and ditched this summer.*

## **8. Set next agenda**

*Future SWRC Meetings- 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday*

<i>April 18, 2018</i>	<i>5:30 pm</i>	<i>Wayne Town Office</i>
<i>July 11, 2018</i>	<i>5:30 pm</i>	<i>Readfield Town Office</i>

## **9. Adjournment. 7:11 pm**

*Respectfully submitted: Michael J. Hicks on April 1, 2018.*