Solid Waste and Recycling Committee (SWRC) Minutes Meeting of: Wednesday, October 17, 2018 **5:30 to 6:50** pm at Fayette Elementary School

- 1. Roll call and determination of quorum.
- 2. Review of minutes from July 11, 2018. Discussion and Approval. (Attached)
  - a. Motion to approve minutes of the July 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. T 2<sup>nd</sup>, Approved.
- 3. Oral and written communications.
  - a. Readfield Transfer Station Manager report
    - i. General operations
      - 1. Getting ready for winter. Constructing a new small sand shed for residents of Readfield.
      - 2. Readfield now has a Bobcat skid steer, which replace the Holder, that will be used for clearing sidewalks. Future use could be at the Transfer Station for needs, but this year will only be for snow removal.
      - 3. Crack sealing on the asphalt should take place before winter.
      - 4. Still struggling with some issues but succeeding with others.
      - 5. The Swap Shop has been reduced in size by half, and no longer accepts any soft goods (clothing, bedding, etc.). The cleaning out of the swap shop this summer included a thorough removal of all materials that were in the shop when the employees were asked to consolidate only. There were issues with mold in the space and cleaning needed to be done. Some felt this was overkill and should have been done with more oversight. There is another outlet in town, at Maranacook Community Middle School, that provides clothing at no cost for everyone. The idea is to have a more organized layout with clean goods only.
      - 6. PaintCare program is now running at the Station. Notification was sent via email to Readfield residents and provided to Aaron and Mark to distribute to their towns. This will divert eight pounds per gallon of paint not put in the demo bin.
      - 7. No clothing bins were able to be provided to our transfer station from any available vendors. Aaron will send a link to a possible vendor that he knows of.
      - 8. Shingle bins have gotten too full in the past and now we are taking smaller bins from the hauler so the weight is legal for the roadways.
      - 9. Brush and demo are piling up quickly and will be estimated in the near future to be chipped and hauled away.
      - 10. We are close to the 100 units of Freon needed to have it removed cost effectively. Someone comes in and removes the Freon, then the items are moved to the metal pile one item at a time, flat, and crushed with the backhoe.
      - 11. Tires are in good shape.
      - 12. E-Waste is in good shape.
      - 13. MSW is coming in at a fairly steady rate. There were some issues over the summer with possibly taking too much commercial waste. We should look into creating a policy about commercial use and summer camp use of the transfer station.

- 14. Recycling is going well. Press has been good. We have on site supervised disposal. Residents did very well during the summer but the contamination rate is rising again. Signage is good and informative. Kents Hill School is asking if they can bring their recycling to our transfer station. Eric will work up an estimate for the school and see where it goes.
- 15. Two more cameras have been installed at the transfer station to be able to monitor operations for safety.
- ii. Quarterly financial review: July September 2018
  - 1. Report was presented for the first quarter of the year. The percentages look good across the categories.
  - 2. It was asked if we could have a recycling educator again next year and Eric is not in favor as this year's employee was over utilized beyond education purposes. We should continue education but with a different delivery system.
  - 3. Three-year comparisons were provided by category waste type. We could look into what materials to continue to accept in the future. It is interesting to look at the ratio of MSW and Recycling over time.
- b. Other, if any.
  - i. Bill reported that the pre-crusher is only sold with the compactor, not as a retrofit. Pre-crushers are for uses other than what we were looking at it for. A newer compactor will have a higher compacting pressure and for continuous cycling. Could our compactor be retrofitted on the control panel for continuous cycling now. Consider having a third compactor. Look at this for the next budget cycle.
- 4. Members of the public may address the SWRC on issues pertinent to the agenda.

None present.

- 5. Unfinished business.
  - a. Subcommittees: Report out on any progress made to date from last meeting, if any. No reports.
    - i. Recycling: Aaron & Kathryn
    - ii. Composting: Mike
    - iii. Outreach & Education: Kathryn & Mike
    - iv. Operations/Maintenance: Eric & Bill
  - b. Wayne Town Manager: Update on membership from Wayne
    - i. Amy Black from Wayne Select Board is joining us; still advertising for a citizen member
  - c. Operations Manual review postponed until January meeting
    - i. Due to unforeseen legal issues in Readfield Eric has been unable to allocate any time to the Operations Manual. Will be ready for January meeting.
  - d. Update on entrance road paving
    - i. Will be done this fall, probably the last week in October or first in November
    - ii. John Cushing did a great job on the road rebuild

- iii. Could use the old entrance for heavy loads in the Spring when the roads are more vulnerable; may do this in 2019 as we won't have the final layer of asphalt down yet
- e. Update on new recycling efforts (PaintCare, Textiles, Propane) and Swap Shop i. See notes above.
- f. Update on Attendant Gatehouse
  - i. Will be built prior to next summer. Really. Could be built indoors this winter.
  - ii. Intent is to direct the public and to assess fees, and to keep the employees productive safely
- 6. New business. None.
- 7. Set next agenda.
  - a. Future scheduled meetings:
  - b. Wednesday January 16, 2019 at Wayne Elementary School Library
    - i. Operations Manual: Constructive comments on first draft previously sent via email
    - ii. Aaron will look into composting more and get us a proposal.
  - c. Wednesday April 16, 2019 at Readfield Town Office
    - i. Operations Manual: Constructive comments on final draft previously sent via email
    - ii.
- 8. Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted by Kathryn Mills Woodsum January 4, 2019 Approved 2-6-19