

Town of Thornton

Transfer Station Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2021 @6:00 PM

- The meeting was conducted at the Thornton Town Hall on February 11, 2021 from 6:00 PM until 8:08 PM. Members were socially distanced in the room and wore masks.
- The meeting was also accessible via Zoom and several people called in.
- Participating in the meeting was: Peter Laufenberg, Steve Chiocca, Julie Piehn, Candy Andrews, Dan Boyd, Myrtle Lewis, Bob McCabe, Bill DeLeo, and Roy Sabourn.
- Peter Laufenberg (Chair) started the meeting and the following items were discussed:
 - The last TSAC meeting (January 28, 2021) minutes were approved by the Committee.
 - Most of the meeting was spent discussing specific changes to the draft Transfer Station Ordinance (TSO), including:
 - The following was discussed:
 - Mark Casale is working with Steve to create a TS sketch, to show where certain items are recycled / disposed and to show the TS layout.
 - Definitions for Business User, Short-Term Rental, Long-Term Rental, Home Occupation, etc. (this was lead by Bill who went through the changes by line no.).
 - Added a penalty for non-compliance for STR (homeowner fined).
 - Limit the size of truck (pickup) for disposal loads
 - Trash Hauler / Business Permit annual fee of \$1,000 (pay in installments (quarterly, semi-annually and prorate it by month) – BOS can decide
 - Trash Hauler / House Cleaner (high volume), \$1,000 annual fee
 - At some point, the Town needs to have a list of airbnb's / STRs / commercial renters
 - We need to maintain a transferable permit for occasional renters / users – Steve was very opposed to this, but the group felt this was equitable (to a group of tax-paying homeowners, who do not live in Thornton full time).
 - Dumpster Ordinance – most local businesses have dumpsters; this will be evaluated / implemented in the future. Dumpsters are generally included in the new business site plan review for most towns.
 - Business Owners with recyclable can take them to the Transfer Station
 - TS stickers will be a different color for trash haulers and businesses.
 - There will be added documentation requirements for commercial trash haulers (to show their clients live in T/C/E, every quarter).
 - In Appendix D: Documentation Requirements for Eligibility to Use Transfer Station – add non-driver's ID.
 - Hazardous Materials can be taken on designated days, twice a year, once in Plymouth and once in Littleton for disposal.
 - The TSO will be applicable in T / C/ E. There was serious thought and deliberation for the creation of the TSO.
 - There needs to be a public meeting before the TSO is implemented.

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- Peter is working on a Memo to the BOS to provide an overview of the TSO and the proposed changes. Also, included is other information, that was not in the TSO and why. Peter will present the Memo and TSO to the BOS. He expects the BOS to take several months to review and rollout the TSO.
 - The future of the TSAC: there will be a break in meetings while Peter works with the BOS to refine and approve the TSO. The TSAC will be involved to help roll out the changes, assure there are clear trash bags sourced locally and in periodic reviews, to monitor how the TS changes are working and for future projects (staffing, capital improvements, installing a scale), etc.
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- The meeting was adjourned at approx. 7:50 PM.
 - The next meeting is February 25 at 6:00 PM, location to be determined, and also via Zoom.