



Thornton Transfer Station Action Committee (TSAC) - October 14, 2020 Meeting Minutes

- The meeting was conducted at the Thornton Town Hall on October 14, 2020 from 6:04 PM until 7:30 PM. Members were socially distanced in the room and wore masks.
- The meeting was also accessible via Zoom and two people called in.
- Present in the meeting were: Steve Chiocca, Peter Laufenberg, Dan Boynton, Julie Piehn, Candy Andrews, Mark Casale, Myrtle Lewis, Mike O'Brien, Bob McCabe and via Zoom: Bill DeLeo and Craig Kenney.
- Peter Laufenberg (Chair) started the meeting and the following items were discussed:
 - There were a few corrections to the minutes: Candy Andrews is a Retired Educator and Bob McCabe is a Woods' Hole Engineer
 - The goal for this Committee is to help in the "Big Picture" operations for the Transfer Station, not the comprehensive day to day details. The Committee will provide policies and rules (do's and don'ts) which will include enforcement (what actions the TS staff are authorized to take).
 - The Scope should include the root causes of conditions.
 - The Committee may complete the current tasks and may take a break and then reconvene in the future as needed.
 - There was discussion about how to handle the stickers (and there transferability) for family and rental properties (this was shelved to the subcommittees)
 - Keep the rules simple.
 - If the Pay as You Throw (PAYT) is implemented, it may take years to fully implement, and will be more equitable.
 - There will be two subcommittees to handle the tasks at hand, per below:
 - Policies & Logistics Subcommittee (Chair Myrtle) with these members and tasks:
 - Mark Casale
 - Bob McCabe
 - Bill DeLeo
 - Peter Laufenberg
 - Roy Sanbourn
 - Tasks:
 - Children at the Facility
 - Misuse of the Facility
 - Stickers & Sticker Enforcement
 - Hours of Operation



- Source Reduction Subcommittee (Chair Dan) with these members and tasks:
 - Candy Andrews
 - Mike O'Brien
 - Julie Piehn
 - Craig Kenney
 - Commercial Use of the Facility
 - Volume of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW)
- Steve will be an advisor to the two subcommittees.
- The two subcommittees will hold separate meetings, as required to complete the tasks
- After setting up the subcommittees, the following was discussed:
 - Sticker management for second homers that use rental cars and family trust families.
 - Approximately 80% of TS users are full time residents and 20% live in other states full time.
 - Lincoln has a scale, but Thornton does not. The TS pays about \$65.73 per ton MSW or 36.84 tons per week and 1,915 tons per year.
 - The Communication of the TS operational changes will be critical (need a Communication Plan).
 - Thornton belongs to the Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District, which is a valuable resource and helps with hazardous waste disposal and disposal of fluorescent light bulbs – Steve will send out an email listing the different towns that belong to PBSWD (done – sent Oct 15, 2020 @ 10:50 AM).
 - The TSAC will continue to meet bimonthly: November, January and March.
 - We plan to have the policies and ordinance(s) ready for the BOS for the three towns to review in early March. Then there will be a public hearing (for each town), prior to implementation.
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 and the subcommittees had some separate discussions.