



Thornton Transfer Station Advisory Committee (TSAC) – Policies & Logistics Subcommittee December 8, 2020 Meeting Minutes

- The meeting was conducted via Zoom on December 8, 2020 from 9:30 AM until 11:00 AM.
- Present in the meeting were: Myrtle Lewis, Bill DeLeo, Steve Chiocca, Peter Laufenberg and later Dan Boynton.
- The following was discussed at the meeting:
 - Effective January 1st, 2021, The Transfer Station (TS) will open the following hours:
 - Saturday: Open 8 AM – 6 PM
 - Closed: Sunday, Monday & Friday
 - Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: Open 10 AM – 6 PM
 - This was agreed upon by the BOS of the three Towns
 - The changed operating hours and days were approved by the BOS from the three Towns and were triggered by the TS trash dumpster filling up on Sunday and requiring the facility to close early (resulting in many angry calls to Town Hall).
 - The TSAC was not aware of these changes until they had already become effective.
 - These later hours (until 6 PM) on Tuesday thru Thursday, will hopefully encourage disposal of trash during the week and less on the weekend.
 - The TS generally receives 42 tons of trash in a week, but the trash dumpster only holds 25 tons.
 - The landfill (in Bethlehem) is only open during the week (per permit), so no trash dumpster pick-ups can occur over the weekend (no exceptions).
 - The Town of Thornton will be responsible for getting the word out about the changed hours (via signage, postings, website notices, newspaper articles, etc.), particularly the reasons for the changes.
 - Create a video of the TS operations with Steve explaining the process
 - Bill will take the lead on drafting the TS Ordinance (& using Bob's Notes), which will include the following:
 - All trash must be in bags
 - Operating days and hours
 - Children at TS (stay in vehicles)
 - 2021 clear bags required (date may change)
 - If customers don't have trash in clear bags, they will be charged a per bag fee (\$ to be determined) (this should be a transitional exception to the clear bag rule)
 - Changes for industrial/commercial/short-term rentals (including higher fees than residential)
 - Transferable sticker (or annual fee for short-term rentals)
 - Things that may change like fees or operating hours, put in Appendices
 - There was also discussion about adding additional storage dumpsters to hold items not currently accepted for recycling (plastic beverage bottle caps, black plastic, certain types of



glass). This required some more covered space, which we don't currently have. This will be addressed down the road.

- A Capital request was made for the Town of Thornton to purchase a new bailer for \$15K for 2021, this was denied. Also, if we have a covered area for the Sea Containers, we could improve accumulation of bailed wastes for disposal. The TSAC will begin planning for Capital improvements in mid 2021 (budget planning starts in July). There may be some opportunities to get funding for TS improvements by applying for grants.
- The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.
- The next subcommittee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 22 at 9:30 AM via Zoom.