



## **Thornton Transfer Station Advisory Committee (TSAC) – Policies & Logistics Subcommittee December 22, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

- The meeting was conducted via Zoom on December 22, 2020 from 9:30 AM until 11:49 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:
  - The Town of Thornton has the responsibility for the day to day operations of the Transfer Station.
  - Creating a Transfer Station ordinance is one of the tasks for the TSAC; the ordinance will be updated and placed on the Thornton Town website, with links to the Towns of Campton and Ellsworth websites.
  - We need to create a fee schedule for residential and commercial wastes (and include it in the TS ordinance). Pricing is approved by the Thornton Board of Selectmen (BOS).
  - We need to be able to accept electronic (credit card) payments at the Transfer Station and the three Town Halls (Bill will talk to Debra Shephard at Thornton Town Hall).
  - The change in TS operating hours (in the last two weeks) was discussed, particularly being closed on Sunday. The Sunday closures are being done on a trial basis, for 60 - 90 days; then the Thornton BOS will determine if the hours and days of operation will stand or be changed.
  - There is concern that the TS closure on Sundays, is not equitable for 2<sup>nd</sup> home property owners who come to NH for the weekends (and thus will have to take trash home). So far, there have not been many calls complaining about the new hours; residents are encouraged to call the Town offices and provide feedback.
  - The TSAC was not notified in advance of changes in TS operating hours/days. The decision was made by the Thornton BOS.
  - 70% of trash comes to the TS on Saturdays The change in operating days were the result of the trash bins being full and having to close early on Sunday, on many occasions. This was very frustrating for the TS staff and residents.
  - A solution for short-term rental properties is for them to pay an annual fee (maybe \$250) with a transferable sticker (different color & size).
  - For direct family members, sharing a family home; they will provide a letter from the property owner and car registration and will be issued a temporary sticker.
  - Clear bags will be required as of January 1, 2022. We will need to work with local vendors, so they will stock clear trash bags.
- The meeting was adjourned at 11:49 AM.
- The next subcommittee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 12 at 9:30 AM via Zoom.