

**Town of Thompson**  
**Transfer Station Advisory Committee**  
**Minutes of August 24, 2017**

The Transfer Station Advisory Committee held a meeting on Thursday, August 24, 2017, at 7 PM in the Merrill Sene Community Room.

Those Present: Karen Durlach, Paul Horanzy, Al Landry, Lynn Landry, David Ostrowski, First Selectman Ken Beausoleil.

**Choose Meeting Moderator and Secretary:** *Motion made by Al Landry, seconded by Lynn Landry, to designate Karen Durlach as tonight's Moderator. All in favor, motion carries.* Karen called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. Lynn Landry volunteered to record the minutes.

**Acceptance of Minutes:** *Motion made by Al Landry, seconded by Karen Durlach, to accept the January 28, 2016 minutes. All in favor, motion carries.*

**Changes to the Agenda:** None.

**Correspondence:** The Town had received a letter from the Town of Southbridge Board of Health regarding contaminated loads at the Southbridge Landfill. Ken Beausoleil had checked with them and was told that Thompson's loads were in compliance.

**Financial Report:** Orla McKiernan-Raftery, Finance Director, had given printed information on the last four fiscal years and a summary of Income and Expenses. We discussed specific items on the expenses and will get further clarification. There has been an increase in phones, in water monitoring/remediation, and in payroll due to coverage for an absent staff member.

**Information from First Selectman:** Ken Beausoleil reported that the Storm Water Plan is in place and the water monitoring reports have been reviewed by Winston Averill, the Recycling Coordinator, and the reports are good. Ken forwarded the brochure to Winston to see if anything needs to be changed. Paul expressed concern that the Casella landfill will be closing and Ken will explore future options. Permit rates have not increased since the November 2012 season. This will be reviewed and may need to be addressed in the future. When renewals are mailed, Ken suggested including an insert to encourage recycling and hold down costs. There is a Household Hazardous Waste Collection planned for this fiscal year. Two new fifty yard containers have been purchased. Ken and Winston are planning replacement signs at the Transfer Station

**Recycling, Education and Trash Reduction Effort:** We discussed compliance at the Transfer Station and Lynn will give Ken a copy of the form developed by this committee. Ken will also speak to the School Superintendent regarding recycling at the public school complex and possibly reinstating the Third Grade Transfer Station Tour. We discussed uncovered loads and suggested posting a sign stating that uncovered loads will be prohibited after a certain date.

**Citizens' Comments:** No citizens were in attendance.

**Comments from Committee Members:** Al expressed concern about the Permit prices. We need to research the current charges in other towns.

**Other Business:** None.

**Set Next Meeting Date and Agenda:** The next regular meetings will be held on January 25, 2018 and August 23, 2018. We will hold Special Meetings as needed.

**Adjournment:** *Motion made by Al Landry, seconded by Paul Horanzy, to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 PM. All in favor, motion carries.*

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lynn Landry

**The Thompson Station Advisory Committee is a committee of volunteer residents formed to improve the waste disposal system for the Town of Thompson which will be cost effective, equitable for users of the Transfer Station and environmentally sound. This committee addresses issues facing the Thompson Transfer Station regarding cost, regulation, recycling, recycling education, and options of efficient operations and enforcement. By acting as a forum for Transfer Station issues, we hope to increase awareness of Thompson residents to recycle, to care for the environment, and to be responsible citizens for the beautification of our town.**