

**Town of Thompson**  
**Transfer Station Advisory Committee**  
**Minutes, Special Meeting 9/9/21**

Those in attendance: Steve Houghton, David Ostrowski, Karen Durlach, Linda Carli, Al Landry, Lynn Landry, Director of Public Works Rich Benoit, Selectman Ken Beausoleil, First Selectman Amy St. Onge.

1. **Choose Meeting Moderator and Secretary:** Al Landry volunteered to moderate the meeting and Lynn Landry volunteered to record the minutes. Al called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.
2. **Approve Minutes of August 27, 2020:** Motion made by Karen Durlach and seconded by Al Landry to accept the minutes as presented. All in favor, motion carries.
3. **Correspondence:** Correspondence from the Town Clerk. Our terms will end 11-16-21. Amy St. Onge stated that it will be on the Selectmen's Meeting agenda to renew our terms.
4. **Financial Report:** We reviewed the Financial Report for income (tipping fees, recycling and permit fees) for the first two months of this fiscal year compared to last fiscal year. Last year was \$15,281.04 and this year is \$18,087.70.
5. **Information from First Selectman:** Amy praised the work that Rich has done regarding the Transfer Station. Amy stated how pleased she was with the work of Alan Rivers at the front gate. He works well with the public and enforces regulations. We had a brief discussion of enforcement. Several recent actions have resulted in increased compliance.
6. **Information from Director of Public Works:** Rich reviewed the changes in recycling markets, especially the changes in plastic recycling. He had a chart on plastic recycling which we may utilize for public education. Rich stated that there will soon be credit card processing at the transfer station, which will reduce cash handling.  
  
There was a discussion of fees, the institution of the six-bag limit last spring which was hoped to encourage recycling, and the issue of out of state regulations. Ken stated the part of the problem with out of state registrations is the difficulties with DMV, and that enforcement is needed, which is difficult without a resident trooper.  
  
Rich shared copies of new signs which will be painted by David Laabs at the Airbrush Shack.
7. **Recycling, Education and Trash Reduction Effort:** We discussed past Transfer Station Tours. After Rich makes some improvements over the winter, we plan to work on a video tour, describing the recycling stations and proper recycling/use of the Transfer Station.
8. **Citizens' Comments:** None.

9. **Comments from Committee Members:** Steve suggested having a magnet by the metal container to sort aluminum and steel. He stated his position that the Transfer Station is a service and should be addressed as a service, not a business. Rich agreed that the cost of disposal should equal the income from recycling, permits and fees, with costs such as labor costs, monitoring and equipment to be born by the Town.

10. **Other Business:** None.

11. **Set next meeting date and agenda:** We chose January 27, 2022 and August 25, 2022 as regular meetings and will hold Special Meetings as needs arise.

12. **Adjournment:** Motion by Linda Carli and seconded by Karen Durlach, to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 PM. All in favor, motion carries, meeting is adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lynn Landry

The Thompson Transfer 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.

