

**SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
TOWN OF MADISON  
March 27, 2017  
Minutes**

**Committee members present:** Bob King, Chuck White, Paul Littlefield, Dave Downs

**Others Present:** Tim Hughes - videographer

**Where and When Posted:** The SWAC meeting notice is published in the Town Office upper and lower levels and in both town Post Offices. A yearly schedule is published at the beginning of the year. The meeting generally is the second Thursday of each month unless noted on the schedule or amended by a change notice posted in all the above locations at least 24 hours prior to the previously planned meeting.

**Meeting Called to Order: 7:37 AM**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Paul made a motion to accept the minutes of the 2/16/17 meeting. Chuck seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**NEXT SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING:** The next meeting will be 4/20/17 at 7:30 AM in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

**New Contract:** There have been no issues about the new contract except that it has not been signed yet by NCIS due to the owner being out of town. Dave will follow up.

**DES Annual Report:** Paul did a lot of work compiling info from the Transfer Station log books. Dave will use some of that data in completing the State DES annual Transfer Station Facility Report.

**2017 Objectives:** We discussed pursuing a "master plan" for the Transfer Station at the last meeting. Bob said that the BoS would be in support of that. Dave will contact NRRRA and Regan Pride from the North Country Council to see what assistance they can provide. We continued our discussion from last meeting regarding the future of the Transfer Station. We discussed the fact that there may be some things that need to be addressed sooner such as the aging compactor. Paul's work with the Transfer Station numbers had generated some ideas that we discussed.

The compactor is old and has been repaired at least once. We should plan for a new one. If this one dies before we can get a new one then we can rent. An advantage of a new one would be that we can possibly get better compaction and more weight into the container which would cause us to have fewer loads and possibly reduce the number of Saturday calls for an exchange. Another option was to get a second smaller self-contained compactor. Paul estimated that we could save \$4,000-5,000 per year by eliminating the weekend callouts to help for the additional equipment. We also noted that if we can get the new compactor and the old one still works, we could find a way to situate both of them so that we could fill one, then close it and route people to the second compactor. That way we could totally eliminate the need for weekend callouts. Paul will look for quotes on compactors from Waste Management. Dave will see NCIS for a quote.

**Cardboard at NCR:** Paul spoke with North Country Recycling again about cardboard collection. They will pay us \$40/ton for cardboard but we must have a cover for the container(s). We reviewed the cost of covers from a prior discussion. Perhaps a simple tarp could work. Or, Dave suggested making a wooden cover like the ones on the paper and commingled containers that could be left on all the time (except for pickup) and just have a narrow horizontal opening on one side for sliding flattened cardboard in. We will also have to consider if NCIS might make us a better deal. We should look to see if there is room for another 30 or 40 yard container so that we could collect cardboard near the paper and commingled.

**OTHER NEW BUSINESS OR MEMBER'S "LIST" ITEMS:** We discussed again, the need for an education plan for commingled to get the tops off of plastics.

Chuck or Paul brought up the hazardous waste process being used in Wolfeboro. It is available year-round. We should get a copy of their brochure (a digital copy if possible) and make copies to be passed out at the Town Office and Transfer Station. That way, residents will have an alternative to the once a year hazardous waste day offered in North Conway.

For planning purposes, Paul had gotten numbers for purchasing our own containers for recyclables: \$6,000 for a 40 yard can and \$6,500 for a 50 yard can. The purpose of this would be to get larger volume cans to reduce the number of hauls. We didn't have the dimensions but considered that the 50 yard can might be too high for our setup for people to reach to get their material into it. We would have to justify the cost though savings to pursue this option.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

**Motion to adjourn:** Paul made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bob seconded. The motion was passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 AM.