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***Transfer Station Evaluation Committee  
Minutes  
Wednesday, June 13, 2018***

Attendees included committee members Guy Wadsworth, Ron Olsen, Jim Solinas, Peter Lemay, Joan Cudworth, Jerry Farwell, Kel Bachus, and Tad Putney as well as resident Dennis LaBombard.

**Jim** opened the meeting at 6:31pm.

**Minutes**

The minutes of the May 30, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved as written.

**Review Questions for SRLD**

Members reviewed the answers provided by **Debra Quinlan** to the questions that had been forwarded to SRLD. It was noted that we are still waiting for the 10-year history of capital expenses for each town. **Peter** made the comment that if three member towns get new equipment and the fourth does not, then the fourth town is subsidizing the other towns. **Jerry** said that is the case with that set of purchases. **Joan** said that in Hollis capital decisions are the result of her recommendations to their DPW Director, which are then taken to the SRLD Board. **Tad** asked if the Hollis Board of Selectmen are involved in such decisions and **Joan** said they are not. **Peter** asked if the SRLD has looked at alternatives like baling. **Jerry** said they have looked at single stream, baling and compacting and that **Bruce Berry** once ran a baling facility. **Peter** said it would be helpful to see any past studies SRLD has done on alternatives. **Tad** asked if it is correct to understand that if the District's budget is \$100,000 and it makes \$20,000 in recycling revenue, then the remaining \$80,000 in costs is what is allocated to the member towns based on the allocation approach in the contract. **Jerry** said yes.

**MOM Meeting**

**Joan** said that earlier in the day she attended the MOM meeting of NRRA members. She said there was significant discussion about baling and recent challenges that have arisen. She noted the bales cannot see daylight and must remain free of mold and moisture and cannot be held for more than six months. In addition, she said that there are increasing challenges with brokers and drivers. The drivers are not showing up on time, which is leading to significant staff time (and pay) for no reason. **Joan** also said that the specifications are being changed on the bales such that some of the old balers, like Greenfield's, are not able to meet the new specs. **Jim** asked about Candia and

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**Joan** said that Candia said they were frustrated by the issues caused by truckers not showing up on time.

### **Tin/Steel Cans**

**Jerry** suggested that we may want to consider having the tin/steel cans collected with the metal pile. **Tad** said that if we did then 100% of the revenue would come back to the town rather than being shared with the District. **Jerry** said we could not leave the cans on the ground, so there would need to be a container for them. **Joan** suggested that the Town could apply to NH the Beautiful for a 50% grant to purchase a metal bin to hold the tin/steel cans. She said the deadline for the current grant round is July 15<sup>th</sup> and if we need two bins then we could seek a grant each of the next two quarters. She suggested seeking a 50-yard bin.

### **Metal**

**Peter** said that he's had discussions with MJS in Townsend and has contacted Schnitzer in Manchester, but has not heard back from them. He said that MJS will pay a net of 4 cents per pound after transportation costs are factored in. **Joan** said that Hollis is getting 8 cents per pound for metal that is taken to Schnitzer. She said that it costs \$250 per load for transportation. Based on tonnage per load, the transportation costs are about one-half a cent per load, netting 7.5 cents per pound. **Ron** asked for a definition of "light metal". **Joan** said it includes pots and pans, bikes, coat hangers and many metal items excluding those that have Freon. **Jerry** clarified that there are three types of metal for recycling: light metal, heavy metal and precious metal.

### **Compactor Trays**

**Jerry** described the layout of the trays for the two new compactors. Both will have a roof over them. Residents will be asked to leave their plastic items in the trays and attendants will then review the items before they are pushed into the compactors.

### **Metal Roll-Offs**

**Joan** suggested that we ask SRLD to purchase either the glass or newspaper bin that will be going away to be used for dry storage, including potentially storing sorted metal.

### **New Trash Compactors**

**Jim** said that we do not know what the return on investment is for the total compactor costs. Several members said the decision has already been made and the town's costs were reviewed at the last meeting. **Jim** said that the total costs could be \$25,000 and we do not know the break-even. **Jerry** left the meeting.

### **Electronics**

**Tad** shared information he had received from **Bonnie** at NRRA regarding electronics. He said that she is on vacation this week, so he has not been able to get some follow-up questions answered, but will for the next meeting. He noted the information suggested that the NRRA approach could save money given she projected 22 cents per pound versus a current cost of 27 cents. **Jim** said that he would get in touch with RMG and get tonnage and cost information for the most recent events to be able to compare with

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the NRRA figures. **Peter** said that another takeaway from the information is that separating CPUs and laptops will generate more revenue. **Joan** agreed.

**Tires**

**Tad** shared prices on tire disposal that he received from **Bonnie**. They were for disposal by Bob's tires. **Joan** said that Hollis has been using Routhier's, but the pricing from Bob's looks comparable.

**Sorting Tables**

**Kel** said that they have reached out to a couple of groups for assistance in making sorting tables and the Girl Scouts are very interested. **Peter** and **Kel** will come up with a design and **Peter** will pursue donations for materials to make them.

**Glass**

**Joan** said that at the meeting she attended earlier in the day, she learned of three area projects that are now using recycled glass for drainage. She said that this is good news for those towns/districts looking to get rid of recycled glass.

**Used Oil Grant**

**Joan** suggested that the town could apply for a grant that would help provide supplies for disposal of used oil. She said the grant application deadline is July 1<sup>st</sup>. **Tad** said that he will look into it.

**Next Meeting**

**Kel** suggested that it would be a good idea to have a timekeeper at future meetings to keep us on schedule with the agenda. Members agreed. The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21pm.

Minutes submitted by Tad Putney.