



## TOWN OF BROOKLINE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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### *Transfer Station Evaluation Committee Minutes Wednesday, September 19th, 2018*

Attendees included committee members Jim Solinas, Peter Lemay, Guy Wadsworth, Ron Olsen, Jerry Farwell, Mike Wenrich and Tad Putney.

**Jim** opened the Transfer Station site walk meeting at 6:00pm.

#### **Minutes**

It was agreed that the minutes for the September 5<sup>th</sup> meeting would be acted on at the next meeting.

#### **Transfer Station Site Walk**

**Jim** reviewed a handout that had been prepared and asked that members score the areas of the facility as we walk around. It was agreed that the stairs leading to both trash compactors are in need of replacement during 2019. The retaining wall around the front compactor should be monitored for any structural changes or needed repairs. The rear trash compactor is rusting on the bottom and will be in need of replacement within an estimated two years. The cardboard trailer, from the early to mid-1980s, is a priority for replacement, by the District, in 2019 due to age and rusting. Town representatives to advocate for replacement at the SRLD level.

The mixed plastics containers were found to be in good shape and are new. There was discussion that the third compactor, when installed, may be used for one type of plastic, but it is still unclear what type; further research is needed. The aluminum can and newspaper roll-offs have significant amounts of rust and will need to be replaced soon. **Jerry** noted that the District has recently purchased new roll-offs, but is not sure how many and if any are earmarked for Brookline. **Jim** noted that the oil shed roof is leaking. It was agreed that new shingles are a high priority. **Mike** will address.

On the new translucent compactor it was noted that the wood portions of the roof need to be painted for longevity purposes and a hanging plastic divider is needed to keep residents from throwing improper plastic items into the compactor. It is hoped that it will be operational tomorrow. The mixed paper compactor was found to be in good condition.

Members reviewed the metal pile and saw the recent efforts of staff to separate metal for higher levels of revenue. There was discussion about the potential need for additional staff or hours to effectively separate metal for the best return. It was suggested that opportunities exist for significant revenue for the town from precious metals. Several commented that we need to be able to track the costs associated with generating the additional revenue to be able to understand the true return on investment.

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**Jim** asked if it would make sense for us to own the construction debris roll-offs rather than rent them for \$50 per month. He also suggested that if we used 50-yard rather than the current 40-yard roll-offs it would reduce the number of disposal trips. **Jerry** said that he would find out if the current roll-offs could be replaced by 50-yarders given space and weight considerations.

*Peter moved to have the scorecards in by the next meeting. No vote was taken.*

**Next Meeting**

It was tentatively decided that the next meeting would be next Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the town hall meeting room.

*Jerry moved, seconded by Tad, to adjourn the meeting; Voted Yes 7-0.*

Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.

Minutes submitted by Tad Putney.