

Hopkinton/Webster Landfill Committee
Slusser Center
Hopkinton, New Hampshire

August 3, 2017

Attendance: Sally Embley, Chairperson (W), Rich Houston (H), Dan Moran (W)
Frank Davis (H), Steve Clough, Ex Officio
Absent: Barbara Corliss (W)

The meeting was opened at 6:35 P.M. The June 1, 2017 Minutes were reviewed. Dan made a motion to approve these minutes as written, Sally seconded the motion, and it passed 3-0 with Frank abstaining.

Capital Improvement Planning and Funding was discussed. Copies of the submission for Webster's new CIP were provided. They are documenting and funding projects for the next six years. The existing plan and funding was also reviewed. There was a front-end loader purchase this year but nothing is scheduled for 2018.

Recycling revenues and markets were discussed. Steve provided information on the last four years. Market prices aren't great but they seemed to be at the low point in 2015 and rebounded some. Overall annual revenue from conventional recycling has remained fairly steady for several years (approximately \$50,000/year). Sally was concerned because foreign markets, China in particular, are stopping all of their purchasing. This hasn't affected us yet and typically our products are primarily marketed in US. This topic will be revisited if marketing and revenues become an issue.

Sally updated the committee. The swap shop is doing well but she wishes that there could be more enforcement of the bag program and some kind of way to prevent some Webster residents from throwing away recyclables. Several options were discussed but they all require action by the Boards, Ordinance changes, and/or more funding. Most options are somewhat intrusive and would require a lot of support. Having Board members, the Hopkinton Administrator, or Recycling Committees make a presence on Saturdays might help but also be short-lived.

The metal program was discussed. It generates a lot of revenue but some committee members were concerned about "picking." It is currently allowed under the revised ordinance but limited because of regular metal pad clearing (putting it in roll-offs). Steve will see if they can adjust operations to reduce the picking a little more. The next meeting will be in November at the Webster Town Hall.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30 P.M.

These Minutes were drafted by Steve Clough, Ex Officio