

MEETING
Washington Town Office
October 25, 2018

The following directors were present: John Shepard, Elaine Porter, Henry Hall, Peter Beckett, James Bailey, Norman Casas, Charlotte Henderson and Heather Wyman.
Also, present were, David Stanley Facility Manager, and Gail Philippi, Administrative Assistant.

John Shepard, President opened the meeting at 7:03 pm.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: A motion was made by John Shepard to accept the minutes of the July 26, 2018 meeting. Jim Bailey seconded. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The checking account balance as of today is \$137,680.20. The Reserve Account balance is \$100,469.45.

Peter Beckett made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and Norman Casas seconded. Motion carried.

Two quarters of ecomaine tipping is less than one quarter of PERC was but transportation is higher. Demo tipping is above budget but so is revenue. Metal prices are surprisingly strong, and people are bringing in a lot. MRC was the organization that created Fiberight. We paid dues to them through March. David bought bags still singly folded but also bought some perforated and rolled in bundles of 5. He got 35000 packed singly and 75000 rolled. They will run out of rolled ones first. Tires up to 16" are \$2, the fee is more for larger pickup truck tires, \$6 for large \$4 for low profile. Heavy equipment tires are more, there is a fee schedule in the office and trash building. Tires are shipped with trash and get burned at ecomaine.

BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT: John talked about the presentation that David did at the Vose Library. There were about 25 – 30 people. Charlotte did a nice write up and said that people were really interested and asked good questions. Some citizens from outside towns asked a lot of questions to take back home. John was impressed by David's articulateness and humor. David will be do another talk at the Appleton library on Nov 15 at 6:30 pm. John wondered about offering this in each member town as mostly Union citizens came to Union. David is happy to do it and as John said, get out accurate info. Norman feels it is a really good idea to talk with the Washington folks and do something there. Our Somerville rep Don Thebeau is in the hospital in Portland after surgery. We circulated a get-well card which Elaine brought.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Manager's Facility Report:

We will be sending out a new Station flyer with the new gate closing hour and updated employee list. We are no longer having Ahlholm haul our trash. We received less than two weeks' notice that he was going out of business. We have contracted with Ferreira out of Unity. They haul 7 days a week for FMC in Rockland. It is a father and son company. They are very responsive. We were paying \$485/load to Ahlholm and Ferreira is \$500. They also have their own repair shop and David will have them do some work as it is hard to find anyone for work, we can't do ourselves.

Gordon Libby hauls the roll offs and would haul the trash, but David would rather have a few companies and a backup plan available.

Peter sent an email to David about Belfast having a relationship with Dragon to take #1, 3, 4, 5, 7 plastics

but Belfast is able to bale it. Dragon burns it and so does ecomaine. It takes a lot to make a ton as it is so light. David is going to go visit the Belfast station and their manager. We have the hard-plastic area open out front, but it will close after the first week in November. It is a limited recycling of plastic. Lincoln Co picks it up.

We took a break to enjoy Red Sox ice cream brought by Charlotte in recognition of two games won.

Ecomaine called the Station after hearing how much we recycle, towns were asking if they could bring theirs to us. The answer is no but we came up on somebody's radar as good recyclers.

David is concerned about the number of dumpsters showing up in our member towns. He'd like to know about all the trash haulers available.

Mike Brown will plow again. Trying to get winter blend fuel which doesn't gel. Tractor going to Hollow Cow for maintenance. David was pleased with what he did last time.

We occasionally get requests for the Station to be used as a community center. David has one mission in life, getting rid of trash. He refused to allow someone to distribute firewood at the facility. He doesn't allow petition circulators. Political signs are allowed if they are in the State ROW.

John asked about the scale shed which Walt is winterizing. David said it is insulated with lights inside and out, sheathed inside. We are doing it low budget, using donated materials as available. It was cooler inside even in the summer. David would like to keep the scales open for most of the winter if possible. Shingles and wet sheetrock need to be weighed.

Peter asked about snow and ice that come off the roof of the recycling building. Once it is frozen it can't be plowed. Also, it is on the North side. We are paying the plow guy extra for extra sanding and have put more into the budget.

Peter asked if David has any projects he's thinking about for next year. David is very conscious of working for taxpayers. He would like to get the trailer painted.

Peter will assist in our purchase of a computer. Elaine has a printer she will give away.

Peter wondered if Lincoln Co. has anyone who can come talk about what they do.

OLD BUSINESS:

The next meeting is to discuss the preliminary budget which is voted on in January.

Peter reported on website info. He is collaborating with David. David will get the station user fees to Peter.

The 3rd quarter financial reports and the October Warrant were handed out to Board members.

The next meeting is on December 20th in Appleton.

January is in Liberty

Peter made a motion and Heather seconded to adjourn at 8:36 pm.

Submitted by, Gail Philippi, Administrative Assistant