

Town of Henniker
Solid Waste Disposal Committee
Seventeenth Meeting: Thursday, April 23, 2009, 7:00 PM
At The Grange

Approved Minutes

Present: Don Blanchard, Bill Christiano, Michael C. French, Amanda Gilman, John V. Kjellman, Donna MacMillan, Linda Patterson and Rod Pimentel.

Absent: Lia Houk

- 1) Chairman John Kjellman called the meeting to order at 7:12pm and began with his introduction.
 - a. Don is again a member in good standing, thanks to BOS waiver of three or more consecutive meeting absences.
 - b. Handouts: Agenda, draft minutes of April 9 meeting, NRRA 4/20/09 E-Newsletter, Union Leader story (4/15) on Derry Transfer Station
 - c. Info on COOP and Corcoran. COOP went before Concord Planning Board on 4/15, but minutes aren't posted yet. According to NRRA, COOP has pushed decision date on new facility out to June. No future meeting dates are posted on COOP's website. There are several news articles on the bankruptcy of Corcoran, but no indication of what's going to happen to Manchester facility. The word is that Corcoran can't pay old bills affected by the bankruptcy, but will pay current bills and is intending to keep operating.
 - d. Copy of NRRA's most recent weekly e-newsletter was distributed. It makes mention of bankruptcy filing for AbitibiBowater, the largest newsprint producer in the world. What's the impact on newsprint recycling rates? Due to the economy and the poor economics of newspapers generally, there has been a big slackening of demand for newsprint.
 - e. Letter to editor of Monitor April 22 (Eric Riggs) claims PAYT in Bow – as proposed – would save the average taxpayer \$96/year in taxes (assumes a \$300K house), but would cost \$181/year in bag costs (one large, one small per week).
- 2) Review of Minutes:
 - a. **Mike French made a motion to accept the minutes from 4/9/09 as corrected, seconded by Donna Macmillan and carried unanimously.**
 - b. The minutes from 11/6/08 were reviewed again with the inclusion of changes noted by Linda Patterson that had been unintentionally omitted when the minutes were reviewed at the last meeting. **Amanda Gilman made a motion to accept the minutes from 11/6/08 as corrected, seconded by Linda Patterson and carried unanimously.**

- 3) John reported on private tour of the Lee Transfer Station and Recycling Facility last Sunday, by Roger Rice, the facility manager. Lee processes about as much as our T/S does (excluding the 2/3 of Henniker solid waste that goes directly to the incinerator), 1,100 tons, and does so on a total budget of about \$300K, which doesn't include employee benefits. Citizens drive inside a building that has disposal areas on the side for the various types of recyclable material and at the end, solid waste. The area through which the cars pass is elevated, and material is tossed down into separated areas, which are emptied with a skid steer with a bucket, and taken either to a horizontal baler for recycling or a compactor for solid waste disposal. Solid waste is taken to the Rochester landfill for about \$72/ton. One person is sufficient (but kept busy) for the operation. The facility is open three days a week. There is mandatory recycling that is not enforced, and no charge for normal trash. There is a charge for C&D, bulky items, e-waste, and other such things. C&D is actually cheaper to dispose of than SW, it goes to Errco for \$60/ton. (NRRA thinks we could save money by using Errco, but perhaps it would increase our hauling costs.)

C&D is weighed on a scale. Trucks are unloaded into large "pans," that are taken to the scale to be weighed, then emptied into the C&D container. The scales are accurate to a pound or so (and were actually designed for weighing cattle). Payment is made with coupons which can be purchased at Town Hall or a coupon-dispensing machine (\$5, \$10, \$20 bills only, no change). The Swap Shop is attended by volunteers. Resale of swap shop materials is prohibited.

Lee disposes of sheet rock that hasn't been painted (left over from new construction) for \$20/ton at a nearby company that makes sheet rock.

- 4) Rod's report on the effect of single stream recycling at The Granite Group in Concord. Was two 10 yd dumpsters a week (\$630/mo), is now one 10 yd trash dumpster a week, and one recycling (single stream) dumpster per month for \$47. The total savings is \$268/month. Obviously they were previously not filling their dumpsters to capacity each week, but the dumpsters had to be emptied weekly regardless.
- 5) Linda Patterson gave brief report on her spreadsheet. She has sent it to John for review but due to program incompatibilities he wasn't able to open it. Linda reported that the only changes were the addition of information for Goffstown and Weare and elimination of Concord.
- 6) John is still looking for information about site and meeting visits. No detailed reports required, just date, location and general purpose.
- 7) Solid waste, recycling, and pickup for businesses and institutions in Henniker. Town regulation (101-17), effective 2/1/2005, says that "commercial haulers" must pay a disposal fee to dispose of solid waste, whether disposed of at the T/S or at the Penacook incinerator. This means that any Henniker business that wants to bring its own trash to the Transfer Station can, at no cost, whereas they pay the tipping fee plus a fee to the hauler by having it picked up and delivered directly to the Incinerator. John reported that he recently had discussion with one

small business owner who said he was against PAYT because his business generates additional trash which he periodically hauls to the T/S. Commercial haulers also pay a \$5/month administrative fee to the Town of Henniker.

- 8) Information needed for the report:
 - a. The “complexion” of solid waste material generated by Henniker institutions. How much is being recycled, how much could be recycled? Amanda to contact Naughton and B&A for this information.
 - b. John noted that the Henniker Community School (HCS) has recycling containers marked B& A waste and inquired about where it was going. Amanda reported that in her past conversations with B&A she found that they collect paper and plastic jugs from HCS and recycle them at Bow Recycling. John will check with the HCS for their perspective on this and Amanda will inquire again with B&A.
 - c. Bill to collect information on Bow Recycling.
 - d. Mike to collect information from Dockham disposal in Hopkinton.
- 9) John obtained a list of Henniker businesses and is working on a database of information that we want to obtain from Henniker businesses. The committee discussed a script of questions proposed by John to ask the businesses. John plans to make some changes to the script for the committee to review at the next meeting. The committee will divide up the list of businesses in town and call or contact selected businesses to obtain information about the make-up of their solid waste and their disposal of recyclable materials, using the script as a guide.
- 10) Review future meeting dates: 5/7, 5/21, 6/4, 6/18, 7/9 and 7/23. All are Thursdays, and all are planned for 7:00 PM at The Grange

Motion to adjourn made by Rod Pimmentel at 8:20 pm, seconded by Mike French and carried unanimously.

Submitted
5/1/09, Amanda Gilman
Reviewed
5/3/09, John V. Kjellman
5/7/09, Approved