

TOWN OF BELGRADE
TRANSFER STATION & RECYCLING COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
February 8, 2021

❖ Attendees/Distribution List:

NAME	EMAIL
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Ernie Merckens (EM) – Select Board Representative	emerckens@roadrunner.com
Absent	

* Transfer Station & Recycling Committee - TSRC

- ❖ Meeting held virtually via Zoom. Call meeting to order @19:00
- ❖ Review and approve minutes from January 11, 2021 meeting: MB Moves to accept as written. CW Seconded motion, Vote: 6 for, 0 against, 0 absent

Old Business

- ❖ Bottle Box Policy and Procedure KS provided minor update on the bottle box procedure. Bottles will continue to be collected by a volunteer and split between bottle boxes as coordinated with box owners and as marked by signage on the boxes. The Town will not receive redemption from collected bottles and the total will be split 3 ways instead of 4 as previously discussed.
- ❖ Concrete Pad for Storage Containers KS provided an update on the Concrete Pad RFP. RFP has been finalized and will be advertised and sent to selected list of bidders (that bid on paving RFP) within the next few days. One addition to RFP is that the Town would prefer this work be performed prior to the paving work that is scheduled. Discussion to continue after bids and proposals are received.

New Business

- ❖ Terracycle: KS has signed the town up for the Terracycle program to divert items that would normally be landfilled to manufacturer sponsored recycling program, e.g. Colgate products, Gillette, Burt's Bees, Pop sockets, etc. The Program provides a separate container for each product series that will be participating. Minimal effort and labor for Transfer Station personnel. MB ask how will we make Transfer Station users aware of this program. KS stated that the first step will be for the TSRC and Select Board to approve implementation of program. Once that is approved and accepted, we can discuss outreach and education. KC made a motion to recommend participating with the Terracycle program to the Select Board. CW Seconded. Vote: 6 for, 0 against, 0 absent.
- ❖ Inter-local Waste Management: Currently, Rome and Mt Vernon residents can purchase special trash bags to dispose of waste at the Transfer Station. Town personnel stamp these bags with a unique stamp so they can be easily identified when being disposed of. KS brought forward an idea to change this process and reduce Town labor and overall cost. Instead of stamping and selling bags the town would sell stickers that could be applied to any white/clear trash bag up to 30-gal in size. This is the same system used at the Sidney Transfer Station. MB asked about Sidney's experience and KS reported they have had a good experience and the system is easy to maintain and low cost. The

current system (stamped bags) costs the Town \$0.39/bag plus time and labor to stamp and bags are then sold \$2/ea. Initial cost of the stickers would be \$0.09/ea for an initial order of 5,000 stickers. The town sells about 1,000 bags per year. Sale price would be unchanged at \$2/sticker. BG made a motion to recommend replacing stamped bags with the stickers and submitting this request for Select Board review and approval. MB seconded. Vote: 5 for 0 against, 1 absent (RP technical difficulties and disconnected from meeting prior to this vote)

- ❖ Punch Card Program KS provided update on the Punch Car Program and distributed written punch card procedure. TSRC discussed need for matching stickers (i.e. punch card # with corresponding vehicle decal #) that differ from standard Transfer Station vehicle decals. Transfer Station staff have noted that the dual sticker system is not beneficial and doesn't serve much of a practical purpose. Consensus was that if the stickers don't serve a purpose then they should not be continued. BG made a motion to discontinue issuing stickers with I.D. numbers that match the punch cards. MB Seconded, Vote: 5 for, 0 against, 1 absent (RP technical difficulties and disconnected from meeting prior to this vote)

Open Discussion

- ❖ Education: Close the Loop campaign
- ❖ MB asked about the Boat Wrap/Shrink Wrap recycling. KS said trial year showed that there is not enough volume and not currently a market
- ❖ – Call Meeting to Close. MB moves, BG Seconds. 5 for, 0 against, 1 absent.