

TOWN OF BELGRADE
TRANSFER STATION & RECYCLING COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
January 11, 2021

❖ Attendees/Distribution List:

NAME	EMAIL
Bruce Galouch (BG) – Committee Chair	bobtheplumberme@gmail.com
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Michael Barrett (MB) – Committee Member	mebarrett2017@twc.com
Ernie Merckens (EM) – Select Board Representative	emerckens@roadrunner.com
Absent	

* Transfer Station & Recycling Committee - TSRC

- ❖ Meeting held virtually via Zoom. Call meeting to order @19:06
- ❖ Review and approve minutes from November 30, 2020 meeting: EM Moves to accept as written. CW Seconded motion, Vote: 6 for, 0 against, 0 absent

Old Business

- ❖ Update and Discussion of Punch Card Program and 2021 Budget: KS submitted TSRC recommendations on Punch Card Program to the Select Board. Select Board approved and new Punch Cards will be ordered. 2020 financials were distributed for TSRC to review. Actual cost was approximately \$9,500 above budget. Variance was rolled into the 2021 budget. KS indicated expenses for closed landfill monitoring will be reduced in 2021 due to changes in the sampling and monitoring program.

New Business

- ❖ Bottle Box Policy & Procedure: the TSRC reviewed and discussed the current bottle box policy as well as concerns expressed by town residents, the Select Board, and information provided by the Town Manager. No action was taken regarding the current bottle box policy, the TSRC is not recommending changes to the policy as currently written. Due to current redemption issues relating to the COVID pandemic, bottles are being collected by a volunteer and split equally between the Town and the other 3 entities that maintain an approved bottle box at the Transfer Station. These terms have been agreed to by all entities involved. Recently signage has been added to the Bottle Boxes to notify Transfer Station users of how donations will be split evenly. MB made a motion that this practice should continue through the end of the pandemic. Following the pandemic, bottle box and redemption procedure will return to the written policy as previously approved by the Select Board. TD Seconds, Vote: 6 for 0 against, 0 absent.
- ❖ Concrete Pad RFP: It's been 2 years since the budget to construct a concrete pad to support the storage trailers was approved by the Town. RFP and specifications previously drafted are still accurate. BG made a motion to bring the RFP to the Select Board. RP asked if qualifications-based award is required and why work can't be awarded based on lowest qualified bidder. It was noted this RFP scoring has been preference of the Town and that cost is highest weighted criteria. TD Seconds BG's motion. Vote: 6 for 0 against, 0 absent.

Open Discussion

- ❖ EM asked about status of new Transfer Station office building. KS noted the budget to build was added for FY21 and is working on updated material quotes.
- ❖ – Call Meeting to Close. MB moves, RP Seconds. 6 for, 0 against, 0 absent.