

**TOWN OF BELGRADE**  
**TRANSFER STATION & RECYCLING COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**  
**July 12, 2021**

❖ Attendees/Distribution List:

NAME	EMAIL
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Absent	

\* Transfer Station & Recycling Committee - TSRC

- ❖ Meeting held virtually via Zoom. Call meeting to order @19:00
- ❖ Review and approve minutes from April 12, 2021 meeting: TD Moves to table to next meeting due to issues with minute distribution. BG Seconded motion, Vote: 5 for, 0 against, 1 absent (EM Absent during vote)

**New Business**

- ❖ Discussion and Consideration of Purchase of Prefabricated 10'x16' Shed: Current budget has approximately \$10,000 reserved for construction of a new office building for the Transfer Station. Due to changes in market, current material pricing is 2X the amount considered in the budget. Building a new office building this year that meets needs of the facility is not likely with current budget. Bonneau&Sons approached the Transfer Station Manager about a prefabricated shed, measuring 10'x16' (2x4 wall construction, 2x6 floors) they have for sale. Price would be \$4,000 delivered. Shed is similar to what would have been built and could be retrofitted as the new office building. Town would still need to insulate, have electrical work done, finish, and plumb for heat. KS still waiting on quotes from plumber, electrician etc. but others are interested in the shed so a decision needs to be made quickly. Even if finish work cannot be completed this year the TSRC discussed that the deal on the shed is worth considering. MB made a motion to recommend to the Select Board that the shed be purchased and stored at a temporary location until remaining work can be scheduled and the current office building removed. TD Seconded. Vote: 6 for 0 Absent (EM joined meeting at 19:09)
- ❖ Discussion of Compactor Container Replacement: Waste Management (WM) can no longer supply the town with rolloff containers for MSW disposal at the compactor/hopper. One of the current containers is in poor condition and needs to be replaced. Town will need to buy a 15yrd rolloff to replace this container. KS is soliciting quotes and pricing options. BG asked if WM gave recommendations on rolloff suppliers. KS said yes he has a list. EM asked if there are any advantages to leasing a container vs buying. BG noted that leasing or renting is not an option as container has to be a special container for Belgrade. MB recommends item is tabled until we have more information on options and pricing.

**Open Discussion**

- ❖ Tote Bag Sales – Bags still available for sale. KS working to get a total of bags sold to date. Bags will be for sale at the Transfer Station on July 24<sup>th</sup> 2021. To be advertised at the town office and at the Transfer Station.
- ❖ Household Hazardous Waste: KS provided a summary of Household Hazardous Waste drop off event at Readfield Transfer Station. 14 Belgrade Residents signed up and 11 showed up. KS noted

event went well and Readfield will continue to be an option as a future partner in this event. KS noted we typically budget \$2,000 per year and the full amount is never spent due to the fees are structured. TSRC discussed options for alternate fee structure so residents get the most benefit. BG asked that KS check with other Towns to see how the budget and structure their fees. Item tabled to next meeting.

- ❖ Surplus piping materials from recent project to be returned for credit.
- ❖ KS noted Bonneau&Sons damaged a gutter during the paving work. New gutter section to be installed at no cost to Town.
- ❖ MB brought up a discussion about committee policy. The committee chair should call and preside over meetings and be the one that cancels meetings. BG noted that he coordinates meetings and agenda with KS leading communication based on convenience. MB has policy language drafted that will be distributed for TSRC review. Item tabled to next meeting.
  
- ❖ 19:52 – Call Meeting to Close. MB moves, RP Seconds. 6 for, 0 against, 0 absent.