

TOWN OF BELGRADE
TRANSFER STATION & RECYCLING COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
March 8, 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 @19:00
- ❖ Review and approve minutes from February 8, 2021 meeting: MB Moves to accept as written. TD Seconded motion, Vote: 6 for, 0 against, 0 absent

Old Business

- ❖ Concrete Pad Bids: Bids in response to the Concrete Pad RFP had been received and reviewed by the Town. Bids were received from Bonneau & Son and Maine Highlands Contracting. Bonneau & Son was the apparent low bidder with a total price of \$22,650 (excluding 10% contingency). Currently there is not enough money in the transfer station's capital reserve account to complete the paving work and concrete pad construction. BG Made a motion to recommend the Select Board accepts bid from Bonneau & Son and request that the Select Board uses monies from the undesignated fund to pay what cannot be covered by the Transfer Station capital reserve fund (this would require special town meeting on June 8 to coincide with school budget election). MB Seconded. Vote: 6 for, 0 against, 0 absent.
- ❖ Update Interlocal Waste Management Program and Review Sticker Design: Proposed changes as discussed in previous meetings were approved. KS provided draft trash bag sticker design. TSRC was in consensus that stickers would be suitable. No formal action taken.

New Business

- ❖ User's Guide: KS provided an overview of the simplified user's guide. Changes were primarily formatting and simplifying presentation of information to reduce the number of pages. In its revised form it could be included in Town newsletter. MB noted making this document available at the elections would be a convenient way to distribute. No formal action by TSRC required.
- ❖ Compost Licensing: The Town received an email from Jim Pollock (MDEP Residuals Management Unit). Mr. Pollock noted that the transfer station's composting totals over the past several years remain under current regulatory threshold of 10 cubic yards of leaves/yard waste per month and 5 cubic yards of food scraps/vegetative waste per month. Since the Town routinely stays under this regulatory threshold a license and reporting to MDEP is not necessary. BG made a motion that the TSRC recommends to the Select Board that the Town submit a Notice of Termination (NOT) of the Composting License to the Maine DEP. MG Seconds, Vote: 6 for, 0 against, 0 absent.

- ❖ Brush Fees: TSRC discussed the potential for imposing a fee for brush disposal for commercial haulers. Due to the rate and volume brush can be hauled to the transfer station when associated with a commercial clearing or clean-up operation, it is difficult for Transfer Station personnel to manage and can require substantial equipment and labor time that is not current covered by the existing fee schedule. BG made a motion that the TSRC recommends a commercial brush disposal rate of \$0.75/cy for commercial brush disposal. MB Seconds, Vote: 6 for, 0 against, 0 absent.

Open Discussion

- ❖ Education/Outreach: Tote bag sale – TSRC discussed selling tote bags with Belgrade Transfer Station and Recycling information embroidered on them. Tote bags are 14"x12" and made of recycled materials and would be sold for \$5/ea. TD made a motion to purchase 288 bags at cost of \$3.75/bag (\$1,080) BG Seconds. Vote: 6 for 0 against, 0 absent.
- ❖ 20:11 – Call Meeting to Close. TD moves, MB Seconds. 6 for, 0 against, 0 absent.