

TOWN OF BELGRADE
TRANSFER STATION & RECYCLING COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
November 30, 2020

❖ Attendees/Distribution List:

NAME	EMAIL
Bruce Galouch (BG) – Committee Chair	bobtheplumberme@gmail.com
Tom Daniels (TD) - Secretary	tdanielsjr@gmail.com
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Rhaeto Pfister (RP) – Vice Chair	Bigrat63@gmail.com
Christina Wilson (CW) – Committee Member	christinawilson10@hotmail.com
Katherine Couture (KC) – Committee Member	couture.katherine@yahoo.com
Michael Barrett (MB) – Committee Member	mebarrett2017@twc.com
Absent	
Ernie Merckens (EM) – Select Board Representative	emerckens@roadrunner.com

* Transfer Station & Recycling Committee - TSRC

- ❖ Meeting held virtually via Zoom. Call meeting to order @19:00
 - ❖ Review and approve minutes from October 14, 2020 meeting: MB Moves to accept as written. RF Seconded motion, Vote: 5 for, 0 against, 1 absent (KC logged onto meeting following vote of minute approval)
 - ❖ Update and Discussion of Paving RFP: KS indicated the Town has selected the contractor based on bids previously reviewed. Project will start in June 2021. BG asked if price will still be valid in June. KS indicated that the price bid by the contractor was based on doing the work in June and that the contract between the Town and Bonneau & Son has already been executed.
 - ❖ Document Shredding: KS provided an update regarding the document shredder. Transfer Station has seen a good turnout so far with many residents using the service. As of the date of the meeting approximate 50-gal container is filled with shredder material. Transfer Station personnel will continue to track use to understand demand for shredding. BG asked, are there any issues bailing or handling the material? KS, said no bailing is required. Material is accepted by Casella in loose shredded form.
 - ❖ Bike Donations: Residents noted that several bikes in good condition were at the Transfer Station for disposal and asked Transfer Station personnel if there was a service to donate these items for re-use to benefit others and divert material out of the waste stream. KS researched various programs and provided a brief overview of a local service, Youth Connection, that accepts bicycle donations. This program accepts bikes, works on them to make sure they are in safe working order and provides to various youth programs; however, the program is specific on what bikes it will accept. KS noted bikes received by Transfer Station are currently managed for salvage of recyclable components and not disposed of as waste. KS also noted most of local programs identified are overwhelmed and have a surplus of bikes. TSRC discussed storage and space constraints, availability for donation to local programs (KV Camp, etc.), condition and type of bikes suitable for re-use, etc. No action was taken by the TSRC.
 - ❖ Punch card Program: TSRC discussed the punch card program and previous direction received to re-assess use and materials covered by program:
 - Items on current card for 2-year period:
 1. 2 – Couches/sofas/mattress/box spring
 2. 4 – Tires (passenger vehicle)
 3. 2 – Computers/TVs
 4. 1 – Refrigeration Unit
- BG, based on previous requests from (past) Select Boards, should we consider cutting in half?

MB, asked for background on where this request came from. BG provided overview of past concerns expressed to the TSRC regarding costs to taxpayers, etc. for disposing of these units at a fee to the Town vs having residents pay the item fees as needed.

TSRC discussed various scenarios for what could be removed from the punch cards. BG made a motion to recommend removal of the Computers/TV line item. TD Seconded motion, Vote: 6 for, 0 against, 0 absent.

- ❖ Too Good to Throw Away: KS noted this area will be shutdown due to seasonal and COVID constraints. Area was moved to outside storage to aid in social distancing but will need to move back into closed storage with anticipated snow removal and plowing through the winter. Closed storage cannot be used by residents under current COVID-19 protocols and social distancing guidelines. No action needed by TSRC
- ❖ Budget Meeting:
 - TSRC reviewed updated expense detail report in preparation of Dec 6 budget meeting.
- ❖ – Call Meeting to Close @1938.MB moves, TD Seconds. 6 for, 0 against, 1 absent. Adjourn @ 20:06