



Transfer Committee Meeting
June 27, 2023
Windsor Town Office

Members Attending:

Tom Reed, Sean Teekema, John Deeds, Cheryl Pratt, David Coons, Theresa Haskell – Town Manager

Members Absent:

Barbara Seaver-West

Ray Bates – Chair of the Selectboard – Liaison

Public Attending:

Moira Teekema – Transfer Station Committee Secretary

Tom McNaughton – Selectboard Member

Guests:

Olivia Kunesh – Representative of Kennebec Valley Council of Governments, KVCOG

Call to Order: 6:08pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Update to Transfer Station Ordinances

Olivia presented ordinances from outlying towns, China, Oakland, and Winthrop. These ordinances were reviewed by the Committee to see what was acceptable and useful for the Town of Windsor Recycling and Dump Ordinances.

Ideas were cast for combining both ordinances into one Solid Waste & Recycling Ordinance. Olivia will be taking these ideas and combining them to present a new ordinance with all of the changes and additions. Once documents are reviewed and accepted, they will be presented to the Selectboard.

Looking to remove penalty amounts and landfill language from document. Other town ordinances to be reviewed. Oakland has a list of accepted and not accepted items that the Committee would like to incorporate. Also reviewing current items listed and modifying to suit the needs of The Town of Windsor.

- Offer alternatives to Windsor Transfer Station;
 - Riverside Disposal dumpster and roadside pickup.
 - Permits for brush burning in fire pits. Renewable annually.
- Remove stickers and temp passes language
- Remove commercial dumping information
- Remove all fees, keep set pricing for services
- Adding section – Unacceptable Waste; firearms and ordinance, spent or intact. Expand on this section.
- Discussion of Hospital Waste and Sharps Containers.
- Review new dates and information on current Transfer Station foldout.

Once Olivia compiles a temporary ordinance it will be reviewed by Committee and Selectboard. The outdated ordinances shall be removed and the new ordinance will be presented to the Residents of the Town of Windsor at Special Town Meeting for approval.

Discussion of Compost Initiative

Survey Tally

- ▶ Question 1 – 124-YES, 68-NO
- ▶ Question 2 – 79-YES, 121-NO
- ▶ Question 3 – 148-YES, 53-NO
- ▶ Question 4 – 122-YES, 66-NO

Some residents answered with something other than YES or NO, or left some answers blank. These answers were not included in the survey results.

Many people were interested in composting at the Transfer Station and in getting fresh compost from the Transfer Station.

There will be 25 residents for initial start-up. Mike and Mark from DEP to provide training and education along with materials to residents to begin the process.

- Review Skowhegan's compost facility and ordinance.
- Readfield Compost Facility – look into their Open House events for compost and the community.
- Vassleboro – Compost rules; turning only 1hr/wk added to Transfer Station employee, temperature testing and microbial testing.
- Community Garden has been suggested by town. Look into using compost for a garden placed in Reed Park. Also addition of community service from local Boy Scouts to maintain gardens along with town for assistance from the town in clearing hiking trails and camping land-use.
- Reed Park Trust added to Selectboard Meeting agenda for July 3, 2023.

Meeting adjourned 7:34pm.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Representative Olivia from KVCOG to attend next meeting.

Tuesday July 25, 2023 at 6pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Moira Teekema