

Wednesday, October 6th 2010

Lincoln Woodstock Joint Solid Waste District Board – Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 5, 2010

Board Members Present: Jim Fadden, Gil Rand, Joel Bourassa, Peter Moore, Patricia McTeague, Deanna Huot
Staff: Sandy Dovholuk, Judy Welch, Peter Joseph (Lincoln Town Manager), Paul Beaudin (Solid Waste Facility Manager)
Public: Jim Donahue, Mike Donahue, Patrick Griffin

Gil called the Joint Solid Waste District Board meeting to order at 6:08 PM. The Town of Woodstock and Lincoln's Boards of Selectmen have come together to discuss and review the Transfer Station/Recycling Facility Regulations.

Minutes of the September 27, 2010 Joint Solid Waste District Board Meetings:

Deanna Huot made a motion to accept the minutes from September 27, 2010 Joint Solid Waste District Board Meeting. Joel seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

Policy for Accepting Brush:

The Selectmen from both Towns reviewed and signed the revised Acceptance of Brush Policy.

Patrick Griffin does not feel that it is fair that you are only allowed 2 one ton loads of brush per permit holder if you are paying taxes on more than one piece of property. Patrick feels that you should be allowed 2 one ton loads per property you own.

Jim stated that the facility is only burning on Tuesdays and Thursdays and therefore they are very limited on space available to store the brush and this is the only way to control the amount that is coming in. Jim also added that the Joint Board is seeking out other methods to better accommodate the community.

Adoption of Recycling Regulations:

Paul Beaudin stated that this regulation is to make recycling mandatory for all towns' people. The facility has seen positive money savings since making commercial recycling mandatory.

Gil questioned why Paul had Tree Limbs & Brush on the Fee Schedule Attachment if it wasn't being charged for. Paul stated that we only charge for items when the facility is being charged, as with fryolator grease. Paul added that he cannot predict when things are going to change and this gives him the flexibility to be able to change when necessary without having to make a bunch of amendments/revisions. Gil would like Paul to add "when applicable" under Tree Limbs & Brush.

Patrick Griffin would like to know how they determine the different size pickups. Paul stated the intent has always been a ½ ton pickup is considered 6ft beds and a ¾ ton pickup is considered 8ft beds. Paul stated that they use their best judgment considering they do not have

scales. Patrick doesn't feel this is a fair equivalent and suggests that they changed it to:
S-10 Pickups be changed to anything under 6 foot bed
½ Ton Pickup be changed to 6 foot and up
¾ Ton Pickup be changed to 8 foot and up

The Boards requested that Paul amend the Fee Schedule Attachment to clarify the different size pickups per Patrick's request.

Deanna was concerned with the clear bag requirements and the accessibility of them. She is also concerned with the strength of them and whether they are an added cost to the taxpayer. Paul stated that all the commercial people are using them and that they are starting to carry them locally. Pat suggested that Paul keep a supply at the facility that he could sell at cost. Peter Joseph added that maybe Paul should talk with the local stores. Peter stated that he has heard of stores agreeing to place these bags on their shelves and sell for no mark up. Paul will speak with local businesses.

Patrick Griffin wants to know what happens if you shop out of town because the prices are cheaper and those stores do not have a need to carry clear bags. Patrick doesn't feel it is fair to make a taxpayer pay the local prices. Paul added that we have to start somewhere and that it will probably take a year to transition everyone over to the clear bags. Paul stated that he will work with people to make this transition as easy as possible.

Mike Donahue wanted to know if there were going to be more public meetings to give the taxpayers an opportunity to get involved and give their opinions. Gil stated that this meeting had been publicly noticed and they are going to move forward with it.

Peter Moore requested that all pages be dated including the attachments.

Gil motioned to accept the Recycling Facility Regulation as amended. Deanna seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

This policy is in effect immediately and the Boards will sign the amended regulation at their next meeting.

Paul will have information hand outs and a message board at the facility. Both towns will have copies at their offices, on their websites and will broadcast on Channel 3.

Other Business:

Peter Joseph checked with Primex about the liability of dump picking and received a very inconclusive response. Primex suggested a few guidelines or best practices. After a lot of discussion on dump picking it turned out not conclusive so both Boards decided to table it. Pat motioned to table dump picking. Jim seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.

Jim motioned to adjourn the Joint Solid Waste District Meeting at 8:15 PM. Joel seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative.