

Greene Solid Waste Committee Meeting

August 17, 2020

Committee members present: John Soucy (BOS Rep), Byron Boyington, Daniel Fecteau, Robert Hodgkins, Kevin Berry, Adam Varney, Holly Ewing

Others Present: Darlene Beaulieu, Town Manager and Gary Bedford, Public Works

John Soucy called meeting to order at 5:10 P.M. Soucy thanked everyone for coming. He states it is a good time to review the policies at the Transfer Station and to make some positive changes with as little issues as possible.

Beaulieu states that the Transfer Station is not bringing in revenue as in previous years based on the yearly comparisons reports. She recently went up to the Transfer Station and has pulled the TV from the building. Employees are not to watch TV while working for the tax payers of the town. She indicates that stickers have not been regularly checked, and a number of procedures have not been followed. She has put men at the gate to check stickers moving forward.

John Soucy states many issues have been brought to light including stickers were not being checked, recycling of appliances and tires not being paid for, things have been very inconsistent.

Byron Boyington states he has concerns with people coming in from neighboring towns such as Leeds, Sabattus and Monmouth. They are bringing in trash and other items that the Transfer Station cannot get rid of. He states there was an incident where someone brought a gun and fired it. He is worried about the safety of the staff trying to enforce the policies. Soucy states enforcement will be at the gate and stickers will need to be affixed to the window where visible. Suggestions are made on how to enforce the stickers, whether license numbers are written on the stickers or some other way to monitor proper use. Robert Hodgkins states that the scrap metal pile is very large and has not been picked up in years. Used oil cans leaking on the ground should be on concrete and they are not. Roger Dulac added that he could not find a cover for the oil bin and oil was on the ground. Byron also states that local contractors are bringing in asphalt shingles and material from their contracted jobs. Gary Bedford asks if it's possible to get rid of construction debris completely. How do they prove local contractors are only getting rid of their own household trash or if the debris is from local jobs within the town? It is purposed that a certain amount annually can be brought in. John Soucy asks the committee to think of ideas for the next meeting to limit dumping of construction debris.

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Discussion on brush and why it is even taken, and what to do going forward. Also, no leaves or grass clippings are to be accepted.

Holly Ewing states they made the decision long ago to not to charge to throw away trash. The thought was that if you charge for the disposal of trash, then the road crew would be picking it up on the side of the road. The question remains do we need to start charging people to dispose of trash. Beaulieu states that with the changes implemented at the Transfer Station, she believes revenues will begin to come in. Perhaps changes to the punch card to bring in revenue, or add construction demo to the punch card and/or limit loads.

Soucy states something in writing should go out to the residents indicating that changes will be coming. It is almost time for new stickers and punch cards to be issued, so this is a great time to initiate the changes. Soucy ask committee to continue to think of changes. Next meeting will be Monday September 14th, 5:00 P.M to discuss what has gone on and the changes that have taken place.

Meeting adjourned 6:00

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Harrington
Recording Secretary