

Greene Solid Waste Committee Meeting

September 14, 2020

Committee members present: John Soucy (BOS Rep), Byron Boyington, Robert Hodgkins, Adam Varney

Others Present: Darlene Beaulieu, Town Manager and Joanne Boyington

Call to Order

John Soucy called meeting to order at 5:03 P.M.

Discussion on Last Meeting of 8/17/20

Soucy states the following was discussed at the August 17, 2020 meeting: stickers, construction debris, punch cards, brush and leaves, bricks, blocks and stones, front gate inspections, and a letter to notify residents of upcoming changes and intentions.

Beaulieu states the staff has been checking stickers and sending residents to the Town office to get stickers if they do not have a current one. If a resident does not have a sticker, they will be turned away from transfer station. Individuals must have residency to get a sticker. She indicated that they need to make a decision with how to proceed with landlords and their renters. Do land lords provide dumpsters for tenants? Rental properties will not have punch cards. Also discussion on construction companies bringing in debris from work sites.

Overview on Transfer Station changes

Hodgkin's suggests making punch card one year only and adding or removing items. Also, recommendation from Hodgkin's to allow residents to purchase another punch card for a fee if lost. Boyington suggests perhaps putting plate number on the punch card as well.

Soucy states sticker must be affixed to the vehicle's windshield or to the vehicle itself, inside door panel is ok, however, loose in the vehicle is not acceptable.

Discussion on construction companies bringing in debris from work sites. Should residents be required to pay for construction debris? Should it be placed on the punch card? Perhaps, allow for one load of debris on the punch card, and then pay for each additional load.

Fee schedule will be discussed at the next meeting.

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Discussion on Brush Pile

Town will no longer take brush and leaves. Residents can burn brush on a safe day. Burn permits are free. Leaves decompose. Notice to be sent out to residents.

Bricks, blocks, stones and concrete will no longer be accepted.

Discussion on Gate Keeper

Possible position for a front gate inspector to be located where the furniture dumpster currently is. If someone is turned away, their vehicle information and load details will be recorded. If the contents are found to be dumped in the ditches, law enforcement will be notified. Boyington states there is a large mound of dirt at the front gate area. Beaulieu will have the Public Works Department clear the area.

Discussion on Attendant Recruitment

Beaulieu states it's been difficult to find staff for the Transfer Station. Hours are every weekend, with minimum wage and no benefits. It is suggested to possibly change the hours to not include Sundays.

Public Discussion

It is recommended that the bins for recyclables be returned. They have been removed due to Corona virus. If someone needs help, the attendants can assist.

Discussion on Transfer Station Rules

Soucy asks the committee to look at the current rules and bring back any suggested changes at the next meeting.

Discussion on Punch Cards

Changes to discuss a next meeting are whether to make one year card or two year card. What to put on the card and should there be a fee schedule. Should license number be put on the card?

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Discussion on Contractors/Property Rentals

Questions to think about for next meeting, Should rental houses have punch card and stickers?

The furniture dumpster is in need of repair, the cardboard dumpster is also in need of repair.
Soucy will contact a welder to repair.

Meeting adjourned 5:56

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Harrington
Recording Secretary