

Kingfield/New Portland Transfer Station Meeting Minutes

Monday January 11th, 2016; 6:30 PM Webster Hall 38 School Street

Attendance

Municipal Officers: Wayne Rundlett, Brian Hatfield, Mike Senecal, Wade Browne, Raymond Meldrum

Municipal Staff: Leanna Targett (Administrative Assistant), David Taylor (TS Manager)

Absent: John Dill, Andrea Reichert and Clyde Barker

Public: Bill Gilmore, Donnie Handrahan and Dee Menear

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm

Meeting minutes from November 9th, 2015 are reviewed. Motion to accept meeting minutes as written by Raymond Meldrum. Seconded by Wayne Rundlett. All in Favor.

December financials are reviewed by board. Chairman Browne notes that we are still within budget on most line items and asks for a motion to accept. Chairman Browne notes that the tonnages are low again for demo and ask why. David Taylor states that it was due to loader issues. Raymond Meldrum makes a motion to accept financials as presented. Seconded by Wayne Rundlett. All in Favor.

David Taylor is recognized for a mangers report. David says the loader is up and running good other than it has to be boosted every morning and he suggests purchasing a battery booster similar to the one he has been using that is owned by public works. David stated that he was told that the batteries were replaced a year ago and was going to check with Jordan's regarding a warranty. Brian Hatfield stated that it didn't seem like a battery would only last a year and asked if something else was draining them. David said not that he knew of. Mike Senecal stated that batteries don't last like they used to. Brian Hatfield suggested calling John Deere to see what they recommended using. David says the transfer station has received its first plowing and it was done very well. He did contact public works and requested that they do more as he wanted it larger. David said the single sort is making a lot of noises and has a hard time running in cold weather. Chairman Browne asked if there was a box over the motor to help insulate it. David said no. Chairman Browne said that Peter used to keep a tote over it and it seemed to help and Staci was in the process of building one. David said he will look into it and make sure a box is built if needed. Chairman Browne asked if Brandon had obtained his driver's license yet. David said no. Chairman Browne asked what the board wanted to do about this as Brandon was hired with the agreement he would obtain his license within 60 days and he has been given extensions. David explains that Brandon is a really good employee and he has never once had an issue getting to work. Chairman Browne asks what happens when David wants to take a vacation. AA, Targett says she doesn't think this will be an issue as she can have one of the guys in public works or waste water help with using the loader to compact like she has done many times before. Mike Senecal said that he doesn't feel this is an issue and David works well with him and we should just leave it for now but suggests that David continue to encourage him to obtain it.

Old Business: None

New Business:

The board reviews the first draft of Transfer Station Budget. AA, Targett explains that the first column is half of what the town of Kingfield is using for a fiscal year budget and the second column is a guesstimate for 6 months with increases in health insurance, hauling and tipping costs. It is agreed that it is good until further notice – when Andrea has a chance to review as well. If there are any questions or further information needed a meeting will be called as soon as possible to accommodate New Portland’s upcoming annual town meeting.

Next the board reviews the first draft of a MSW Permit. AA, Targett explains that this is a draft to work from as the board requested. Raymond Meldrum makes a motion to accept the MSW permit as presented. Seconded by Wayne Rundlett. All in favor. Chairman Browne then reads a letter from the owner of Happy Horseshoe Campground. She states that they are concerned that they may receive extra charges for use of KNPTS. She had called the Somerset county commissioners office and discussed this with David Spencer and he replied he couldn’t imagine this would happen as a new contract has been signed for 3 years with Lexington and others to pay \$20,000.00 to the transfer station. She stated that they only use the transfer station 18 times a year at most. Maybe 3 times of that we have a larger load and that they abide by all of the recycling rules and we do not bring in any demo materials at all. She hopes all of these factors will be taken into consideration before they are charged for extra fees. The board agrees to exclude campgrounds from the MSW permit. Raymond Meldrum suggests changing the language so that the first sentence “This permit is required by all parties wishing to bring “MSW Material” to the transfer station to be placed in the msw container” as it is confusing. He suggests leaving the second sentence “This permit must be obtained by commercial haulers/campgrounds/individuals that transport for others” – removing campgrounds. Brian Hatfield questions if the costs are sufficient and asks how much Archie’s brings in. David says he brings in a one ton and a separate truck with recyclables once a week. Board agrees that John Dill might have a better handle on costs as he provides the board with tonnage reports. Board agrees to void previous motion and revisit the MSW again when other members are present.

Board then reviews the first draft of a Burnables Permit. AA, Targett explains that this was a suggestion not from the board after there have been some major truckloads of burnables brought in and David spends a day burning it. After further discussion board decides to void the burnables permit.

Donnie Handrahan is recognized he says he is wondering how much demo has gone up to bring charges to residents. He says he learned about the increase on the town’s website. Chairman Browne says that it was in the Irregular and the public is always welcome to attend any meetings. Donnie asks how much has it increased for you to justify charging customers. Chairman Browne says he wishes John Dill was present to answer that question in detail. He does know that it has gone up substantially and that is why the board discussed and implemented the demo permit. AA, Targett says we have sent out more containers this past year because they are getting filled so quickly. Chairman Browne says July alone we sent out 4 containers that was about 18 tons and it

cost well over \$1500.00 to send those loads. David Taylor says the demo container will fill up in two-three days in the summertime. Donnie says personally for someone that does work in the Town of Kingfield and New Portland which are small jobs – usually remodeling for a lot of people who are on fixed income who have all they can do to get their bathroom or kitchen replaced. The economy is getting better and people are starting to upgrade and that is why you're seeing your container getting fuller. I think that however much it's gone up should be factored into the taxes for the town because I think if you start charging for demo then you are opening up a whole can of worms and you are going to see a lot of people burning it on their lawns with toxic materials in it. There will be people who do not want to pay. Donnie says I don't think it is that out of control like you think to charge people extra. I think you need to discuss this more first. Donnie discussion with the board continues until Mike Senecal states that a motion was made in November to start the new Demo Permit January 1st and would remain in effect until the board meets again for further discussion.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 28th unless there is a need to call one for budget purposes, in that case the board and public will be notified.

Public Comment/Other:

There is no further business to discuss. Motion to adjourn by Raymond Meldrum. Seconded by Brain Hatfield. All in Favor.