

**Kingfield/New Portland Transfer Station Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 6:30pm**  
**Webster Hall, 38 School Street; Kingfield**

Attendance: Wade Browne, Leanna Targett, Raymond Meldrum, Wayne Rundlett, Andrea Reichert, John Dill, Brian Hatfield and David Taylor

Absent: Clyde Barker and Mike Senecal

Raymond Meldrum makes a motion to accept minutes as written. Seconded by Andrea Reichert. All in Favor.

Chairman Browne says that financials have been provided to review. He notes that our tonnage will be going up for 2015. Andrea Reichert asks when the increase takes effect. AA, Targett says November. Chairman Browne notes that there seems to be such a wide range on tonnage on the demo from 11 ton to 3 ton. David Taylor explains that some of that is because the backhoe hasn't been working and he can't compact without it. Without the backhoe it fills up in one to two days. Chairman Browne asks if that is back up and running. David says no, he did call Nortrax today and left a message, he has had 4 others look at it and have tried different things and nothing has worked yet. John Dill says he doesn't have all his paperwork with him but as far as the demo we are averaging less this year than we did last year, it is about a ton or so less per trip. He says I think there was 17 last year and 20 this year which is a couple thousand dollars cost by not being able to crush the material. David says they are full when he ships them.

John Dill says he is not saying that as David is doing a good job but we started out back in July with more tons being shipped and I wasn't certain if the hauler was hassling you about it. David says they did remark about not filling above a certain level. If there was one piece sticking over they would make me remove it or push it down. John Dill says I am sure that is what some of it is then. Chairman Browne notes that we took seven loads in July out of the Transfer Station. David says it has been busy. John Dill says however if you look it is not as much as last year. Andrea Reichert says she feels the demo would change depending upon what is placed in it and if it taking up a lot of room. Chairman Browne says yes, roofing vs insulation. Dave says sometimes you get truckload after truckload of shingles and other times you get couches, chairs, and mattresses. Chairman Browne asks David if we have anything in town that is able to reach down and pack it down for him. David said that Leanna had Henry come up with the big bucket loader a couple of time but because of the angle it can only do so much. Raymond Meldrum asks for clarification on the totals. AA, Targett explains that the last column is a total of the figures across. John Dill explains that one is the date of the invoice, the tipping and

hauling or other. Andrea Reichert makes a motion to accept the financial report. Seconded by Raymond Meldrum. All in Favor.

Chairman Browne moves discussion to manager's report. David Taylor says that the new roof is up on the MSW container – when it pours it does keep it a lot drier but when its windy it still comes in through the sides so probably in the spring I will bring the sides down like the demo, just at the top which will be real easy and will keep a little more out but its solid and every carpenter that has looked at it has approved it and have been impressed with what Bruce, Henry, Bryan, Brandon and I did. Chairman Browne says thanks for getting that done we have been trying for years. Chairman Browne asks it takes the wind ok then. David says pretty well however I would like to fix the cage around it that has been damaged over the years and to put a screen on the back where the hole is as the garbage still blows out. Chairman Browne says maybe when you cage it in it will stop that from happening.

David says in the summer time he thinks we should think about having two demo cans so that he never has one that is full because on a busy Saturday the can will fill up quickly and it would be nice to have another one even if he needs to load it with the backhoe, just somewhere on site. Chairman Browne asks how we would move it around after one is full, we would need them to load it and unload it. David says yes, they would move it next time they came because he can't do that with the backhoe. AA, Targett says we could possibly set one up like when Staci had an extra can it would be place where Dave has just placed his rock pillars down over the bank, in front of the other and then people can throw stuff into it. Chairman Browne asks what is the charge for a can. AA, Targett says I think it is \$50.00 extra. David says the metal getting hauled by the Canadian company has been great. They come when we call, they are clean and take every little piece they even clean up by hand. Chairman Browne says there is a page in everyone's pile that shows the metal that has been hauled off. David says he is excellent he is there three or four days after Leanna calls him and it is all gone. Chairman Browne says they don't sort it there they just put it all into a container right. Dave says correct. Chairman Browne says there is quite a difference in money there so far. John Dill says \$1500.00 was July 2<sup>nd</sup> which was last winters. Brian Hatfield says this is unsorted so it all goes into one hopper and they take it. David says yes. Brian Hatfield asks if you sorted it would it be more. David says he sorts it so that he takes out any copper and wires and that is what he takes to the salvage yard. David says he has hauled two loads of copper and wire so far.

Chairman Browne asks are we bothering to strip the wire or do we get any more money for that, I know we bought a couple of hundred dollar stripper at one time. David says that stripper Brandon was using when he first got hired and he was complaining about it not working very well. AA, Targett says we spend like \$60.00 on it Staci found one that she thought would do the job. AA, Targett says the good news is we didn't spend \$250.00 on something that didn't work. Andrea Reichert asks about the notes on the side about an overpayment. AA, Targett explains that she called the Canadians because when she looked at the stubs there was an extra payment we were getting, so I called Francis and said I appreciate the extra payment

but what is it for. He explained that we shouldn't be getting that it is some form of a tax that is paid to other Canadian companies he told me not to pay the money back it was there error and he would talk to the accounting department to get it fixed, and now we have received two check with this overpayment. AA, Targett says she is not sending it back unless he asks for it – it is there error which she already discussed with him. AA, Targett says the other thing is that we are waiting for another check to come in as it takes a few weeks and we have just called them to pick up another load.

Chairman Browne asks David if he has anything else. David says everything else is going well. Bruce and Henry will come up and grade one more time tomorrow because it has gotten rough but if you get it too smooth the vehicles come in way too fast, the plan is to smooth it out for plowing this winter. AA, Targett says that public works plan to bring some dirt up to the top area and around the corner headed down back to build it up some. Chairman Browne says we have talked about that for years now. AA, Targett says we guesstimated around \$200.00 or so and she believes we have \$600.00 in budget. Brian Hatfield asks so when Nortrax comes up they have the job and they are going to fix the equipment. David says he left a message with the service manager but he has not called back yet, but it will get resolved this week. John Dill says they have always come up before. AA, Targett says we were trying to avoid the expense of Nortrax so we were trying to lean on some of the locals like Mike Boyce and Travis Roderick hoping it was an easy fix and were not getting anywhere so I told Dave we need to bite the bullet and call Nortrax. Andrea Reichert asks how long it has been down. AA, Targett says three weeks. David says it has been blowing fuses all summer when it was hot then it cooled off and that went away and then a piece of metal got underneath and broke a hose and it came to a complete stop. We fixed the hoses and the parking brake is locked up somehow so I replaced the switch in that which is what everyone thought it was and it still won't go forward or backwards, the hydraulics work but it won't move. Travis Roderick thinks is low on hydraulic fluid but I have check it and let it run for an hour and rechecked so we just need to get Nortrax here.

Chairman Browne says we will move onto old business which is plowing for the 2015-2016 season. Raymond Meldrum asks David if he looked into used vehicles. David says yes, he looked around and without knowing what kind of money the board wants to spend it was difficult. He said I got excited when I looked at leases through O'Connor but it was expensive. Then I talked quite a bit with Leanna about the town doing it with their one-ton as it would make more sense. Chairman Browne asks what did we say we could do. AA, Targett says it was something she brought to the Kingfield board first to see if it was something we wanted to discuss with the Transfer Station board. AA, Targett says \$25.00 per storm to plow and \$25.00 for sanding – so \$75.00 total. Chairman Browne corrects her and say \$50.00 per storm to plow and \$25.00 to sand. Andrea Reichert asks how does that compare to last year. AA, Targett says Staci was doing \$60.00 for plowing and we charged \$25.00 to sand so \$10.00 more. Staci had built it into her agreement with us that she would increase \$10.00 per year plus gas or

something like that. Andrea Reichert asked do you see if there would be any issues as far as priorities because I know they need to keep the town roads well maintained. Chairman Browne says that Bruce was pretty adamant that he could get it done by taking a swing in with the big truck and cleaning it up with the other one and giving David time to do the limited areas he needed to do with the loader. AA, Targett says they had a plan considering the days were open that they could go through with the big truck to get everything open up for that morning. AA, Targett says they have come to my rescue a few times when I was up there working. Raymond Meldrum says it sounds like a better deal than having someone else plow it and sand it. Chairman Browne says he remembers Brent Davenport giving us a quote in the past for \$7,500.00. Andrea asks if we need a motion. AA, Targett says she would like one if we agreed to it. Andrea Reichert makes a motion to accept the Town of Kingfield's proposal of \$75.00 per storm to plow and sand the transfer station for this coming winter. Seconded by Wayne Rundlett. All in Favor. Brian Hatfield says he should have added this before but it would be good to keep track of that. \$75.00 isn't a lot of money for the big truck and if we could just know how long does it take to plow and how many trip and it is the big truck. Chairman Browne says it could be a few times a day or more. Brian Hatfield says just so it is fair.

Chairman Browne says next is to revisit the commercial haulers permit. AA, Targett says this is something I started to bring up at the last meeting but there was not any in attendance and the whole point was that the Commercial Haulers Permit that we have had in the past no longer works. I bet New Portland hasn't given them out in over a year and I think we have only given one. People have found ways to circumvent them. So my thought was if we want to continue with something like this is to put something out there for construction materials in general. My big thing is that I get charged \$5.00 for a mattress and \$5.00 for a couch but I can watch a contractor with a huge truck load of stuff going in that container at no cost. I am not saying we need to charge for everything but I think we really need to think about this if we are paying major money for shingles to be hauled when people are doing roofs and this needs to be all or nothing. Andrea Reichert says so if we have a household clean-out and they bring 3 couches and 4 mattresses are we charging them.

Chairman Browne says what is happening now is that no matter what it is for construction material the contractor has the owner jump in the truck and then it doesn't cost them anything because it's the owners stuff and not the contractors and that is how they are circumventing it. Andrea Reichert says but bulky waste we are still charging for. AA, Targett says correct. Andrea says you're talking construction debris. AA, Targett says correct. Chairman Browne says the guy that had his trailer burn in New Portland he could have brought load after load and we couldn't charge him it is demo and he is bringing his own house in. Dave says sometimes he uses his discretion as one time a guy brought in a huge fiberglass boat and it took up half the can so I charged him \$10.00 – I had to. Andrea points out that it is not on our fee schedule. Chairman Browne says he agrees that we should come up with something and what AA, Targett has provided looks decent. AA, Targett says for anyone to go up there and be charged \$5.00 for

a couch and to then see someone with a one ton filling the container at no cost is not right and I have issues with that. AA, Targett says maybe the prices are way out of range but I wanted to get an idea out there for the board to discuss. Chairman Browne says he likes what we come up as it is similar to what we had and it's per load so it's going to make them pay that now even if it is the owner of the house. Raymond Meldrum says we should change on the sheet so it specifies pick-up truck not just a truck load. John Dill asks is that fee enough? Chairman Browne says these are the numbers we started to go by when we first tried the commercial haulers. AA, Targett says when we set the prices on the other items like couches and mattresses we had agreed to come back to something like this. AA, Targett says we don't need to nickel and dime everyone to death but this is something we need to discuss and think about. Chairman Browne says he doesn't feel we will ever recoup the money that it costs as far as the demo costs are concerned. AA, Targett says she has seen another contractor bring a truckload of sheetrock and even though it doesn't weigh much she is certain it is not coming from Kingfield/New Portland or even the county – maybe this is another way to nip this is the bud.

Andrea Reichert says this says contractors/homeowners so are we proposing if I remodel my house and I haul a truck-load of this stuff in then I am paying this cost too. AA, Targett says yes, I think you have to unfortunately we really need to define it because like I said they have circumvented this other one because the contractor would have the owner jump in the truck with them so they didn't need the permit – they were just hauling stuff for the owner. AA, Targett says she doesn't know the best way to define it. Andrea Reichert says she doesn't have a problem with it except we need to define how much of her truck load is free and how much is considered what needs to be paid for. Is it when I put anything in the demo can or only when I bring a substantial amount – and what is that substantial amount? AA, Targett says she agrees that it needs to be defined. Chairman Browne says like when you throw a window in - will that be \$10.00. AA, Targett says that is exactly the point a window and two 2x4's – no cost? Raymond Meldrum says we have already defined it we said "load" not "item". AA, Targett says are we talking up over the side of a pick-up bed. John Dill says if you can put it in the trunk of your car then no cost. Raymond Meldrum says that's where we need a little bit of common sense – and I think David could step in and take care of that. If someone comes in with a few items in a pick-up truck that is not necessarily a load a few windows and door is not a load where as a contractor comes in with a load of stuff it is easy to determine – you can't cover everything. Chairman Browne says sometimes Dave is elsewhere and they are throwing it in – but with a contractor having a full load you will see that versus a window here or there. David Taylor says a lot of times it is not the contractor who brings the most stuff. Raymond Meldrum says that is where your judgement comes in if they have a full truckload. Chairman Browne asks are you comfortable differentiating that Dave. David Taylor says I think so, now that I have been there a while I know a lot more about what is going on.

Chairman Browne says if we agree to this we should probably put it out and give a start date. AA, Targett says she would love to start it the first of the New Year to be able to put it out in the

paper. John Dill says January 1. Chairman Browne says yes and still keep the other items we charge for.

John Dill asks do we want to talk about MSW – like Archie's and the truck they bring in. Dave Taylor says he comes every Wednesday. John Dill says I have no idea how much that is but it ought to be a charge for commercial haulers bringing the trash in too. Chairman Browne says can that be added to this. Wayne Rundlett says what about campgrounds. Dave Taylor says Happy Horseshoe brings theirs and he brings quite a load every week and Deer Farm Camps. John Dill says the one-ton truck there are a ton of bags on there and I am not certain what the difference is to a compactor truck but it's a lot. Chairman Browne asks is he still able to dump that. Dave says yes, he can back up to the compactor no problem. John Dill says if we are going to do demo then we should look at MSW because one of the things we talked about when we did our budget was less MSW with no compactor trucks.

John Dill says he is not trying to get off agenda but maybe we should discuss this next month. Chairman Browne says that is a great idea because he agrees and maybe if we closed off the roof even further where they had to throw off each bag individually it would be different. Dave Taylor says he just dumps it, he puts the recycling in the container, he cleans up – everything and he uses white bags. Chairman Browne says there is no way to tell where that is coming from. AA, Targett says we could make up a MSW one but is it just for Archie's or the campgrounds – are you doing \$25.00 per week or what. Chairman Browne says that will be a hard one to do because Trenten's will come in with their stuff, Longfellow's with theirs etc. Dave Taylor says Longfellow's has a dumpster they do bring some recyclables but not a truck-load but some cardboard. AA, Targett says cardboard is getting out of control – far more than we've talked about before. Dave Taylor says Mike brings in a load here or there from Tranten's but it's a small truck. John Dill says that Clay told him Tranten's has a compactor. Chairman Browne says Jordan's does too now. John Dill says I wonder what they cost. Dave Taylor says he heard you can sell the cardboard back. Brian Hatfield says it would be nice if we could sell it back. Andrea Reichert says right now it is going in the single sort.

AA, Targett says we have talked about cardboard for years now but there was no way to keep in stored and dry. John Dill says maybe build a small building to keep it in. AA, Targett says it has taken us three years to build a roof. John Dill says Peter used to put it into a container when we were with Sandy River that was stacked up and strapped together – it was all taken apart and laid down flat. Chairman Browne says I wonder does Waste Management have containers that we would be able to stack it into. Dave Taylor say they have compactors like we have now that is for only cardboard. Brian Hatfield says Carrabassett has one but you would need a new roof, pad, power and hook it all up to do it right. We could do single-sort and cardboard but from the sounds of it we don't get enough cardboard to make that investment. If Jordan's is doing it and Tranten's then there can't be much. Dave Taylor says Jake from ARC called me and he wants to get his own container so I told him to call Waste Management so he could put his cardboard in that – they have a lot. AA, Targett says when Orange Cat and other show up with

a rounded truck-load it fills the container – there is quite a bit of cardboard. Dave Taylor says yes there is. Brian Hatfield says it might be nice to find out what is the minimum amount of cardboard recommended to go with a container. Chairman Browne says that is what he means if Waste Management has a container that has a roof and closed in end that we can stack cardboard in like we used to and if it would be worth it or not.

AA, Targett says she seems to think when Peter LaChapelle had come to a meeting and talked with us we had talked about cardboard and I think he said \$50.00 a month for a container and at that time we were having a hard time justifying if we had enough cardboard to make at least the \$50.00. Andrea Reichert says for \$50.00 a month maybe we could try it for a few months. John Dill says before we went to single sort cardboard was listed separately for what was sent to the state – if we could find one of those reports it would give us something to go by and you say there is a lot more. AA, Targett says if we could get it out of the single stream and not making money but breaking even so that there is more room in that container then we would save on shipping that container out every week that we would really see some savings. David Taylor says we would – Sugarloaf has a compactor like our single sort that is just for cardboard and Waste Management comes and gets it and pays them money. Chairman Browne asks how much is another compactor. AA, Targett says she doesn't know, she didn't even know until she was talking with Waste Management one day that where our office building is with the control building down back is actually set up to have two – one on each side like Carrabassett so the controls and everything are all set up so you would be looking at a concrete pad and a compactor maybe somewhere between \$20-30,000.00. John Dill says we paid \$26,000.00 on the single sort.

Andrea Reichert says do we go the compactor route or just a can where it is stacked. Chairman Browne says if it is \$50.00 to have an enclosed container and we have people break it down like they used to and stack it. AA, Targett says if we have no costs – you bring us a container we will stack it you haul it at no cost and you can keep the proceeds from it – we are still saving from our single sort. Chairman Browne says that might be a good idea too. Chairman Browne says Dave do you want to call them on that, it doesn't need to be a huge container. AA, Targett says I think they always quote a 42 yard at \$50.00. John Dill says David has done such a good job cleaning it up that we definitely could find space. AA, Targett says it is worth a phone call – we are willing to do the work so don't charge us anything. Chairman Browne says see if they will pay us first instead of doing it for nothing. Andrea Reichert says try it for a few months see if we make money or break even. Chairman Browne says to get back to the permit he likes the idea and would like to know what the board would like to do and feels that we should do something with the MSW too. Chairman Browne asks do we want to do any revisions to this. Raymond Meldrum says he has no issues with the money but we need to re-word for pickup and specify dump trailer. Dave Taylor says dump trailer should be same as dump truck. Brian Hatfield suggests changing the other trailer to utility trailer. Chairman Browne says he will take a motion with the changes. Andrea Reichert makes a motion to accept the demo permit

effective January 1, 2016. Seconded by Brian Hatfield. All in Favor. Chairman Browne says next month we will have something for the MSW. Andrea Reichert asks that after it is corrected if we could get it to the New Portland office by the 19<sup>th</sup> so that it may be put in the newsletter. AA, Targett says it will be there tomorrow or Wednesday at the latest.

Chairman Browne says under new business we should review and sign the Somerset County contract for Unorganized Townships of: Lexington, Carrying Place, Dead River, Pierce Pond, Bigelow, Flagstaff and T3R4. The terms of this contract shall be four (4) years, beginning on July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2019. The fee will be \$20,000 for the first year, July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. Each year thereafter the amount will be increased by the CIPW. AA, Targett explains the last contract we had was \$18,000.00 plus the CIPW which is calculation to do with the market. Andrea Reichert makes a motion to accept the new Somerset County agreement July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 for \$20,000.00 increased by the consumer price index annually. Seconded by Wayne Rundlett. All in Favor.

Chairman Browne says next is the operations manual which is something that we have always had but has been scattered – Leanna while she was down and out with her knee retyped it up nothing has changed it is something that we have been getting hit on with DEP when they do their inspections – mostly the sources of assistance that we use all in one are so they can see it with any updates. AA, Targett say the first two pages were really outdated so that is the only change. Andrea Reichert asks why it says amended. AA, Targett says that is incorrect – he intentions were to make it all one document without so many addendums and to update it – the first two pages – it should say Updated as of 2015. Brian Hatfield asks is there a group that regulates what we put in here – how do we know we have put enough in here. Brian says I think it suits our purpose but does it have to get sent to someone. AA, Targett says no the board could accept this because it is merely an operations manual for the staff it is not an ordinance that would need to go to town meeting vote it reference the Labor Policy, job descriptions so we have been updating this stuff all along it just hasn't been compiled into this document. Andrea Reichert asks with all the appendixes is listed you would hand this to DEP in a binder with all of it. AA, Targett says yes. AA, Targett says she told Dave in October when DEP came up again and noted this as a violation that it was typed up in May and then I got frustrated with a map layout and trying to computerize it that I threw it in a drawer and forgot about it. Raymond Meldrum says we should thank Leanna for doing it. Board agrees it looks good.

Chairman Browne says we have already reviewed the salvage totals – so the next question is when we would like the next meeting. Board agrees to have the next meeting December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 to discuss budget.

Andrea Reichert says she has something to discuss – she doesn't remember what the precedent that was set when there was a household cleanout in Kingfield and debris was hauled to the transfer station but they have a place in New Portland that has some recycling and stuff

because the home is not habitable and we need to do a household cleanout and were hoping to bring it to the transfer station knowing that it is not conforming with our standards. Chairman Browne says we have done that and I don't have a problem with that. John Dill says that was paid for. Andrea says that is what I was asking – what was the precedent that was set. Chairman Browne says it was paid by Simmons Fund. Andrea says that is what she thought she remembered the Town of Kingfield paid for it because there was a fund that assisted – so how was the fee determined. AA, Targett says we didn't charge for the garbage and recycling we reimbursed for the tires, couches, mattresses etc. Andrea says she doesn't know what it entails other than food cans like cat food that should be rinsed out and recycled that would need to go into MSW. AA, Targett and Chairman Browne say they think they could still go into single sort – it all depends on Waste Management if they consider it a dirty load. Andrea says yes we have a percentage that can be "dirty". Chairman Browne asks Dave what he prefers. Dave asks will they be sorted. Andrea says yes if not they would need to go into demo. Dave says it all depends how it comes in. Andrea says she just wanted to throw it out there – she has limited details and they are hoping to know more this week. Andrea says it's pretty messy. David says you can get a can on site and have Waste Management pick it up. Andrea says if there is a lot – is what you are saying. AA, Targett says I don't know what they would charge though. Andrea says we will keep track of what we haul, she wanted Dave to know so that he would take it and we can talk about it more later. Board agrees.

Raymond Meldrum makes a motion to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Andrea Reichert. All in Favor.