

Kingfield/New Portland Transfer Station Meeting Minutes
Monday July 13th 2015 6:30pm
Webster Hall, 38 School Street; Kingfield

Attendance: Leanna Targett, Raymond Meldrum, Wayne Rundlett, Mike Senecal, Andrea Reichert, Brian Hatfield and David Taylor

Absent: Wade Browne, John Dill and Clyde Barker

Co-Chair Reichert asks with so many board members absent should we elect a chair and co-chair? Raymond Meldrum said that John had made it clear at the selectmen's meeting that he would like to step down as chairman. AA, Targett says that John was trying to convince Wade to be chair. Raymond asked what Wade's opinion was on it. AA, Targett said he just laughed. Raymond Meldrum makes a motion to nominate Wade Browne as chair. Andrea Reichert seconds motion. 1 abstained – motion passes. Wayne Rundlett makes a motion to nominate Andrea Reichert as Co-Chair. Seconded by Mike Senecal. All in Favor.

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

Co-Chair Reichert states the next item on the agenda is the fiscal year end financials. Raymond Meldrum says it looks like we had a good year. AA, Targett says it looks as if we have spent more money than we budgeted for however with the Transfer Station we have always had a little cash balance we keep specifically for a year like this so it helps the bottom line, so that were not over budget. Co-Chair Reichert states that we had more income in one load with the Canadians than we did almost all year with our current hauler. Brian Hatfield asked if there was a reason that hauling and tipping was underestimated – or it just was. AA, Targett says she thinks it just was and initially when we did the budget because we have to do it early like November/December to give New Portland figures as they still operate on calendar year which is when we were discussing getting rid of Archie's/Wattles so we lowered them expecting that we would have less to haul out. Co-Chair Reichert says it is a hard line item to nail down. Mike Senecal makes a motion to accept the June financials as presented. Seconded by Brian Hatfield. All in Favor.

Co-Chair Reichert welcomes David Taylor to the meeting and moves discussion onto the manager's report. Co-Chair Reichert and Wayne Rundlett tell David that the new stone work looks real nice that he has done and they have heard a lot of good comments. David says he is trying to make it look as good as a transfer station can look. Co-Chair Reichert says it also looks nice and clean. David says he is still trying to catch up – there is a lot of mowing and weed-wacking that needs to be done as it has been neglected for quite a while. Dave says someone

removed the key from the single sort compactor – we leave it in every night but when I get a new one I will never leave it in overnight again – I was told it was always left in so that is what I did and we have no back-up copy that I can find, so when we get a new lock I am going to make copies and get Leanna a set, we will have a spare set and I will have my set – it has been a challenge but we have it hot-wired right now so that we can compact it. The backhoe has had a lot of issues with the starter and some other parts so I have been unable to compact the Demo and it is filling up extremely quickly – I got a new can on Saturday and it is already full. There are quite a few things that need addressing – the cans are rusted through and need to be fixed. There is a lot of water under the msw can that just sits there – the pad really should be angled so the water can roll off – the water that sits there really stinks – we have sawdust to soak it up – but that doesn't seem like the right solution to me. I have painted all of the demo building - it was about ¾ done and never finished the first time so I completely changed it to a different color green and painted the entire thing – I would like to paint all of the buildings and fix all the windows – like I said I would like it to look like the best transfer station in Maine. Bruce White came up and graded the driveway which was a great improvement – I tried it with the backhoe when it was running and then used my 4 wheeler with a drag but Bruce could cut it out and smooth it over – he did an awesome job and said he would come up once a week if needed. The bargain barn is a drop spot where people are bringing in tv's so that they don't have to pay for them so we really need to keep an eye on that. It is really hard to watch everything – the other day we had 22 cars in there at one time. Dave says overall it's going well. David says he is trying to burn once a week to get rid of the burn pile. He would like to be able to do something with the compost – he can roll it with the bucket loader but he doesn't think it is making compost – it's just rotting, if you guys want compost we need a better plan. The diesel shed, when Travis was training me we cleaned that all out which was disgusting – all the buildings were disgusting – we have cleaned them all out now they just need to be fixed up and painted. I have got Brandon so that he is going out and trying to help people with their trash – especially the older people they are finding it a lot different from how things were run in the past – people seem pretty happy. AA, Targett says she would like to play-off from what David said, with the key we have to call Atlantic recycling, which I have called but we are playing telephone tag so I am hopeful to get that handled quickly. As far as the loader had issues with the front shift clinoid so I called Nortrax and had them double check to see if that was the problem – to do a diagnosis and it was confirmed. Nortrax had given me a price that the particular one part that we were needing was obsolete so we had to get a whole manifold set-up, they had given me a price of over \$2,500.00 for the part and labor so I took it upon myself to call a few other places that sell John Deere parts and I now have the part being shipped for \$925.00 plus shipping I believe Nortrax was \$1,367.00 and I have Mike Boyce willing to put it in and he said it shouldn't take more than a day at \$40.00/hr. – so it will be saving us some money so we are currently waiting for the part to come in. I think Bruce did go up to the transfer station one day with our equipment and tried to help compact the demo down and he is willing to do it again – public works is definitely trying to help out the transfer station in the meantime

but Dave has had a few weeks of bad luck lately. Co-Chair Reichert says it sounds like you're getting it done despite of difficulty – which is great.

Co-Reichert asks if there is any old business. Raymond Meldrum says we have been talking about a roof is there any progress on that because that should help in your sludge and slurry you were talking about. Dave says we ordered the materials from Jordan's and he will bring them up but we wanted to wait and have it billed in July so that it would be on the new budget. Dave says he and Public Works will put the roof up when they get materials and they have time. Brian asks Dave in regards to the roof do you need anything else from us? Dave says he doesn't know what the board provides but he finds himself using a lot of his own things like ladders, weed-wacker, lawn mower, tools and I don't have a problem with that but it would be nice if we could purchase those things in the future. AA, Targett says I think you will find, Andrea being the biggest advocate saying that we are expecting you to run your budget when it comes to things like that however as I mentioned before we will want to sit down and look at your budget as there are certain things that are expected to come out every year that you don't really know about yet.

Co-Chair Reichert says next item is plowing. AA, Targett says her intentions of having this on the agenda was to point out that Staci had plowed for us last year and I have not heard from her if she is intending to still be a private contractor or not. When Dave took over the position he had some ideas of maybe being able to do the plowing, so I figured we should start discussing it now. Dave says he has a one ton truck that would plow it but he has no plow so if he had a commitment or if we wanted to purchase a plow he would plow for free for a while or whatever, I think it would be beneficial if I plowed it so that it is done in a way that I like it and its done on time – I don't know if Staci still has a contract or not. AA, Targett says we never signed anything with her it was like \$60.00 per storm with a \$10.00 increase each year and we had the deal with Public Works that they would go in and sand for a cost. Raymond Meldrum says so we never got a contract in the first place. AA, Targett says no. Raymond asks Dave what does a plow cost for something like that. Dave says probably around \$4,500.00. Brian Hatfield asked what happened when Pete was there did he just use the backhoe. AA, Targett says he had his plow truck and the backhoe. Dave says I have a plow on my Toyota but it is just a homeowner's plow not a contractor's plow. Brian Hatfield says what bothers me with you using your truck is if something happens beyond your control that causes damage is it covered by the town or by you. Dave says he doesn't know any of the details. Mike Senecal says either you would have to purchase the plow and do a contract that way we know if something happens who would be responsible. Dave says plowing for \$60.00 per storm that is not going to be of interest to me. Co-Chair Reichert says it would take a while to re-coup. AA, Targett says if the board remembers last time we put something in the paper and I called contractors about plowing and I think the only one that stepped forward was Hoper who said he would do it for at least \$75.00 per storm and we had gotten a sealed bid from Brent Davenport which we couldn't even touch with the amount we had budgeted. Raymond Meldrum says he thinks it

might be wise to pick up a used plow or truck and plow – something that can stay right there. Co-Chair Reichert says we discussed all these things last year. Brian Hatfield asks what about putting an attachment on the backhoe. Dave says it will take forever to plow that with the backhoe. AA, Targett says we talked about that too because public works had a spare blade that they were willing to give to the transfer station, but it was another discussion that we had determined that it wouldn't do the job. Raymond Meldrum suggests giving David a chance to look around at the availability of used vehicles for a plow truck. Dave agrees to look around and bring information back to the next meeting.

Co-Chair Reichert says next on the agenda is Commercial Haulers. AA, Targett says this is something that the Kingfield board has brought up wondering if the transfer station board should discontinue the commercial haulers all together. Some of the selectmen have been at the transfer station and have witnessed Archie's/wattles with a one-ton. Dave says they come once a week. That was the concern – do we want to discontinue it all together? AA, Targett asks Dave are you having issues with it. Dave says no, he comes once a week with a load which is recycled - I have no problems with it. Mike Senecal says the reason we stopped the packer trucks was because of all the slurry. Co-Chair Reichert asks what are we considering commercial haulers – someone that does work as a contractor at someone's house and obtains a permit from the town office for demo – isn't that commercial hauling. AA, Targett says that brings up C on the agenda which is the commercial haulers permit that was started years ago, I think that needs to be revisited as it is not really used anymore. AA, Targett says she wanted to throw it out there and maybe start everyone thinking about it. The form is not being used because contractors have found a way around them – for instance they put a new roof on, they have the owner jump in the truck with them to go to the transfer station to dispose of all the shingles – which is the same as a resident/owner hauling themselves – the intentions of this form are not fully explained or followed. Raymond Meldrum suggests tabling B and C on the agenda until next meeting. AA, Targett says the other thing to think about is the fact that we have implemented charges for items at the transfer station – like couches, there is a charge for me to bring my couch however someone else can bring a truck load of heavy shingles and ½ fill our container at no cost – doesn't seem right, or someone with a loaf of sheetrock and lumber. Mike Senecal says what is reasonable for the amount of taxes you pay is something that should be considered. AA, Targett says we did a good job coming up with prices for bulky items but never thought of heavy items – like truck loads, not just s two by four or a sheet of plywood. David Taylor says is has seen a lot of house debris that is brought in by one ton trucks that is filling up the can quickly. AA, Targett says the point is – where do we make that cut-off. Dave says he agrees as there are numerous people that complain about paying \$5.00 for a couch when others are dumping truckloads for free. Brian Hatfield says he agrees with Raymond – lets table this until we get a chance to really evaluate this for one if we suspect stuff is coming from another town we need to look at this – get a registration or something and then look at the whole thing and see how it operates and see if there could be cost savings and maybe next time we have a meeting there will be some written ideas that may measure or give some

insight. Co-Reichert says it should be discussed at another meeting. Brian Hatfield says as far as demo he would suggest meeting in September or October that way we can see what the summer has yielded.

Co-Reichert says next is salvage/metal discussion and ask how did it go with the Canadians. AA, Targett says great, we contacted them and they came down and took all metal in one trip except for the free-on units because the Freon has not been removed, Dave has the study materials and is working on that, and they agreed to pay us \$90.00 a ton for this first trip, on average they pay \$70.00 per ton so the check we got was for \$1583.00 which came in after year end so it will show on the upcoming budget. Shortly after that I saw Mark at the transfer station and he had inquired how the Canadians had done and I told him they paid us \$90.00 a ton and they will pay us at least \$70.00 a ton going forward and Mark said that's fine I suggest the town continue to go with the Canadians because you're making more money than what I can bring in. I told Mark that I was bringing this up at the next meeting and that the board may decide to go with the Canadians. Mark said that's fine. AA, Targett says she called the Canadians again as the container was already full and they came down and mashed all the metal up to give us more room and came back a week later and hauled it off – so we should be getting another check in a few weeks from them. AA, Targett says in conversations with the Canadians, Francis was telling me they offer other services like hauling tires. I have a call into him now for a price to see if they can take our tires at a cheaper cost. They also do demo but I told him we couldn't do anything with that because we have a contract with Waste Management. AA, Targett says it is definitely worth finding out on the tires if it's free or cheaper – worth a shot. Dave said they are very pleasant to deal with and the first trip we had stuff in the container and all round and it only took them 1 ½ hours to clean it all up and haul it off. Dave says they have done a second load and the container is ½ full again. AA, Targett says the transfer station gets a major amount of metal. AA, Targett says the Canadians are willing to bring us a container to fill that way they can haul it container and all, it sounds like they work with many municipalities for nothing. Co-Chair Reichert says maybe it will be easier with the Canadians but the bookkeeping was loose before like when Staci was not keeping track of when a load went out, but we have a new opportunity here with Dave being new to keep track of the salvage. AA, Targett says the whole point of this conversation is do we want to ask Mark again knowing that I have spoken with him or do we want to continue to use the Canadians and if that is the case according to our contract we need to notify Mark by mail that we are not going to need his services anymore. Raymond Meldrum makes a motion to use the Canadians. Seconded by Wayne Rundlett. All in Favor. Dave Taylor says he has found multiple containers of wire and some copper that he would like to bring over to Skowhegan, set up an account under the town – he doesn't think there is a lot of money but it is definitely stuff that needs to be cleaned out. Co-Chair Reichert says that was wire that Staci was going to strip. Dave says Brandon was stripping which is what he wanted to do all the time when I first got there so I said to Brandon that is just secondary to the people that are coming in, he wanted to hide out in the shack and strip wire. AA, Targett says she believes Staci's intentions were to do that more in

the winter time when it is slow and cold outside. Dave says the salvage places don't care if it is stripped, they will pay more if it is stripped but to strip all that wire is not worth it. AA, Targett says Dave had told me he was more than willing to haul it with his own truck and set up an account under the transfer station which I thought was a great idea and I told him we could bring that up at the meeting but my suggestion would be if you're driving your truck we should at least look at reimbursing mileage. Mike Senecal agrees. Mike Senecal makes a motion for Dave to set up an account for the transfer station and hauls all wire and copper. Seconded by Raymond Meldrum. All in favor.

Next meeting is scheduled of October 12th at 6:30pm

Raymond Meldrum makes a motion to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Wayne Rundlett. All in Favor.