

# TRANSFER STATION TASK FORCE

Minutes

August 18, 2021

9:00 am

Zoom Remote Access

Members in attendance: Barney Arnold, Thornton Ash, Tom Bilotta, John Lavery, Carren Panico, Rob Peary, John Petrie, Launa Zimmaro, Christine Lear

Others: Tim Goddard (Town Administrator)

- I. Meeting called to order by C. Lear (chairperson) at 9:04am.
- II. The Data Collection Subgroup summary of the written report submitted for this meeting was given by T. Bilotta. The items mentioned were: methodology, state solid waste trends, local private hauler activity, commercial hauler activity which could reduce Transfer Station usage. Commercial hauler use is very low in Carlisle. Carlisle's recycling has not improved in a long time and we need to set reasonable goals for improvement. T. Ash questioned whether commercial hauler activity was relevant. L. Zimmaro noted that the main issue is how Carlisle can reduce solid waste tonnage as well as reduce the waste we create in the first place.
- III. A bulky items update was given by J. Lavery. Many towns are "fee based" for bulky item collection, or do not take them at all. Recommends that we charge for bulky items to offset the cost of disposal. Working with G. Davis (DPW) to identify current costs for bulky items. Need to determine how to collect the fee. Need to look at how other towns collect the fee.  
A recently circulated e-mail from Mary Zoll identified some vendors who sell used items who may be interested in taking items from the swap shed area. It was noted that they may only prefer items that are in "top condition".  
  
There was some general discussion among the group as to exactly where we are headed and how to better focus on getting there.  
L. Zimmaro noted that she is in favor of mandatory composting.
- IV. A private hauler update was given by J. Lavery. John reported that the local private hauler "Chris" has 80 clients. If the other two local private haulers are similar then in total they are serving over 200 residents. He noted that it may be hard for them to change what they are doing. It was also noted that it is difficult for them to recycle and depends on what the resident gives them. It was suggested that perhaps there could be a way to "register" them so that they could be monitored for compliance with proper recycling.  
B. Arnold noted that small businesses in town should be supported, and that we should find ways to help the local private haulers do a better job.
- V. An update on a single stream recycling option at the Transfer Station was given by J. Lavery. Recommends doing a trial (pilot) program of having a container for mixed recyclables of glass, plastic, aluminum, and tin (steel) cans. It would require proper publicity and signage. With the cooperation of G. Davis this could be started in a short amount of time.  
B. Arnold shared that several towns have purchased equipment to crush glass into sand which can then be used by the DPW. They have used either town funds or grant funding.  
  
C. Lear asked the education group to prepare some written details for the next meeting regarding what actions they are proposing.

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Due to the time, C. Lear placed the remaining agenda items on hold.

VI. Fee structure and payment system for C&D – On Hold

VII. Metric to use for measuring progress – On Hold

VIII. Interim report to the Select Board – On Hold

IX. Public Comments – On Hold (No member of the public was present.)

X. Meeting adjourned at 10:35am by unanimous vote of all members present

Submitted by Robert Peary.

Approved by unanimous vote at the September 1, 2021 Transfer Station Task Force Meeting.