

10/8/2014 – Solid Waste Committee Meeting

Meeting opened 5:35 P.M.

Attending: Therese, Joel, Merle, George, Pete

Reviewed materials received from Addison County Solid Waste District. A non-member must apply to join. A committee of their board members reviews the application and decides on approval or disapproval, setting terms and conditions, if any. Then the members vote. If approved, the Town would hold a vote to join the district.

The Town would have to provide a site for residents to drop off garbage and recycling, either to a vendor or a container for later hauling. Many other restrictions apply.

Joel and Merle discussed an Act 148 meeting they attended. One thing of interest was the process of capping a landfill. It would have to be covered by poly of x thickness, two layers at right angles to each other; a layer of x inches of sand; and then covered with two feet of clay. The best part – after ten to twenty years, if we wanted to put in solar panels, we could drill holes for the bases!

Much discussion around landfill profit/loss and ways of increasing tonnage. Also discussion around possible closing dates of 12/31/16, 12/31/21.

Tasks assigned.

Therese to call ACSWD to find out if a member resident can bring a bag/s of garbage directly to their site and to have Pam call R& L and Gauthier's to see what they would charge per bag for approximately 150-250 bags on Tuesday. This trash would not be buried in Bristol.

Pete to research the total cost of the landfill being open on Tuesdays.

Merle to contact Casella – to see if they are interested in leasing our landfill or bringing trash to it.

Next meeting 11/12/2014 at 5:30.

Meeting closed 6:45 P.M.

Members,

I think the committee is getting away from its charge which I understand is to come up with options to be considered after closure of the landfill.

I believe we are spending too much time on determining ways to improve the landfill finances and on the best closure date. This work belongs to Therese, Merle and the Board. After we complete our charge, then we can assist them with other issues, if the Board requests it.

Pete