

Members attending: Chair Peter Ryan, George Smith, Merle Knight and Therese Kirby. Also attended by: Sally Burrell and Lauren Waite.

Peter Ryan called the meeting to order at 6:12 pm. He presented an overview of the 1/28/15 meeting attended by himself and Selectboard Member Peeker Heffernan.

There was also a discussion with Sally and Lauren about the information the Committee had already gathered via surveys of surrounding Towns and local trash haulers.

Merle also reported he felt there is a current ratio of 10 bags of recycling brought to the Landfill for every 1 bag of trash. This fact certainly outlines the current financial situation of the Landfill. Merle is wondering if the Selectboard should consider limiting the amount of recycling residents can bring to the Landfill at one time. When residents or businesses save it up and then come in, the compactor gets overloaded and storage of recycling until the compactor is pulled by Casella becomes an issue.

Peter went over the responses received from the Chittenden Solid Waste District (CSWD), Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District (CVSWMD) and Addison County Solid Waste Management District (ACSWMD). He has summarized the responses in the attached spreadsheet.

Allowing residents to bring lawn and leaf waste to the Landfill is a hot button issue. This Committee is hoping that if the Selectboard moves forward with becoming members with ACSWMD, then perhaps Bristol residents could bring their lawn and leaf waste to them instead of us. It would need to be passed by ANR to be sure that was okay with them. Merle wanted to know if we have to accept lawn and leaf waste, if we could do it on specific days like we do Household Hazardous Waste.

Therese Kirby moved to recommend to the Selectboard that they immediately contact ACSWMD and request to join before the Landfill closes in 2016. George Smith seconded. So voted.

Therese Kirby moved to recommend to the Selectboard that once the Landfill closes, they contract with a private hauler to establish a drop-off point near the existing scale shed, where residents can pay the hauler directly for disposal of their trash and recycling. George Smith seconded. So voted.

The Committee would like to offer their assistance with the application and/or negotiation with ACSWMD, to the Selectboard.

Therese Kirby moved to adjourn at 7:40 pm. George Smith seconded. So voted.