

6/2/2010

BOWDOINHAM SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Meeting called to order at 6:37 PM by Tade Mahoney, chair.

PRESENT: Tade Mahoney, Howard Solomon, David Reinheimer, Dale Mosher, David Berry, Elaine Diaz.

Minutes for the meeting of 5/12/10 were read and accepted.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Sub-committee Updates:

BARN: David Reinheimer submitted his report, Survey of Recycling Barn, based on tour made by Dave and Tade Mahoney with Dave Berry on 5/22/10. The survey report was reviewed and discussed, with David Reinheimer explaining it is a work in progress. The report is included in the SWRC documents. Their impression was overall very positive, with David Reinheimer referring to the barn as a gem. There ensued much discussion of the value of the barn, that it is more cost-effective than building a new facility at present, that it's use is a form of "recycling." The question was raised, whether Dave Berry has considered selling the barn to the town, and he said he has made an offer to sell for \$175,000. This would be the entire barn plus the recycling equipment, and probably the 2,000 gallon oil tank, this offer is good until 7/1/2011, when the current lease ends. David Berry provided the SWRC with a copy of the "new" lease of the barn from 7/1/10 - 6/31/11.. This was not reviewed at this time, but changes appeared to be minor.

PROGRAM: Dale Mosher observed that Bowdoinham's hazardous waste program is not inspected by the D. E. P., because our facility is not a transfer station. Dave Berry mentioned that a program in Seattle, Washington was a model for the Bowdoinham one. Tade Mahoney said we should look into the feasibility of bringing other towns, such as Bowdoin, into our program. Again, some time spent on why? who?(demographically, not individuals), and what impact? regarding dumpster usage in town. Dale Mosher and Dave Berry are continuing to look at whether this can be effectively addressed in the ordinance, without restricting residents' freedom of choice.

ALTERNATIVES: Dave Berry said that Pine Tree Waste is the handler for all towns in this region, except for Bowdoinham and West Gardiner. We divided up tasks to look into what neighboring communities are doing for solid waste and recycling programs, their population size, and their yearly cost. Tade Mahoney and Dave Berry will talk to Pine Tree Waste to obtain estimate of cost to Bowdoinham of "going single stream" to

compare with the cost of our current program. Elaine Diaz will obtain information about the programs in Wilton and Woolwich. Tade Mahoney will obtain a list of contact people Other towns and divide the list with Elaine. A field trip was planned for Saturday, 6/19/10 to visit the recycling facilities in Freeport and Gray, to look at their programs. Tade Mahoney will contact them to arrange this, and all members who can, should meet at the Park & Ride by I-95 on upper Main St. At 8 AM. We hope to plan a trip to West Gardiner and Winthrop, later.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm