

## SWC Draft Meeting Minutes from Thursday October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Attendance: Andy Scherer, Bram Litvinoff, Lory Pearson, Linda Cook, and Jordan Mueller (phone-in)

Meeting began at 5:42 pm

Scherer proposed reordering the agenda so that any discussion of the transfer station fee presentation would happen earlier while everyone was together at the meeting. He also noted that the number of items to cover on the agenda would likely take more time than the group had allocated.

Minutes from last month's meeting (9/12/24) were accepted without changes.

Given this was the first time that everyone had been together since Pearson's joining of the SWC, the group reviewed committee roles. Scherer will remain chair while Mueller will become vice chair. Scherer will continue to take minutes for the time being but Pearson will take over in '25.

The committee discussed the idea of asking the town for a small budget so that it can work towards completing its initiatives and help meet its goal of communicating information to transfer station users. The idea is to have money available in a line item within the town budget, for example, possibly housed under the DPW. Money to print signs, brochures and posters for upcoming events could be used from these funds. Scherer and Litvinoff will draft a short proposal with what the committee would like to do and provide an estimate for costs. They plan to submit it to the town manager and DPW director early the following week with the hope that it can go on to the selectboard in time for their next meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wed of the month.

Discussion continued from last month about the most useful and cost-effective way for signs to be printed and displayed at the transfer station. Different strategies and materials were discussed. Members will report back next month with their findings. Ultimately, approval must be gained by transfer station attendants and the DPW director.

Since the SWC does not officially have a budget at this point, committee members have used their own funds to pay for expenses (E.g., printing costs). Scherer reviewed the process that SWC members should use for reimbursement via the current channels (going through the DPW and Finance office).

As mentioned at last month's meeting, the Betterbin recycling app was renewed for another year. However, one committee member reported that people don't really know about it. Scherer acknowledged he hasn't been able to put as much time towards its publicity as he would have liked. It was therefore suggested that someone on the committee be responsible for its promotion. Pearson said she can do it and Scherer will provide her with information and contacts in order to facilitate this.

Generally, the listserv is the committee's main way of promoting events or information to the public. Scherer reminded them that anyone on the committee can post about their project (For example, Pearson can remind listserv users about the Betterbin app).

Lastly, the group reviewed the transfer station fees presentation that Scherer and Mueller had worked on in the summer. Several members had questions which Scherer and Mueller answered. Additional questions would be welcome upon further review of the presentation.

Meeting ended at 7:02pm