

**Thomaston Transfer Station Committee
Minutes of March 17, 2009 Meeting
Town Hall, First Selectman's Office**

Members Present : Paul Pronovost, Sal Santa Maria, Ben Bereza,
Dennis David

Not Present : Marcel Richards, Sue Costa

Others Present :

Purpose : Discuss Options for getting the Transfer Station Operable

Meeting Called to Order at 5:34

Motion to Approve Agenda by P. Pronovost, 2nd by B Bereza, Motion Unanimously passed.

Motion to Table the Approval the minutes by P. Pronovost, 2nd by B Bereza. Motion Unanimously passed.

D. David and B. Bereza presented the Committee with drafts of the Fee schedule. Several items were discussed. S. Santa Maria asked B. Bereza and D. David to review several other towns fee schedules to see how we compare. He stated the fee schedule must cover the cost of removal of the item plus the overhead of the dumpster rental and labor costs.

D. David presented a draft of a mission statement for the Committee. He suggested the final draft could be placed outside the Xfer station gate with a flagpole.

S. Santa Maria asked P. Pronovost to review the billings as related to the various containers. P. Pronovost drew a block diagram and stated the dumpster on the left which hold household goods is classified as MSW (Municipal Source Waste) and goes to CRRA. The two dumpsters straight ahead are demolition and are billed by F+G Realty. The dumpster on the right is metal. The town does not get charge for cost of the removal of the metal, nor do they receive any income for the metal (from the haulers). P. Pronovost also showed the CRRA billings are inclusive of all household good dumpsters in the town. He suggested that S. Santa Maria talked to Allied Sanitation to get the actual trucks from the Xfer station. He thinks the permit numbers on the CRRA billings should match the containers used at the Xfer station.

S. Santa Maria stated he is working with Janice from Allied Sanitation and Sue Costa to try to determine an average per ton costs which includes overhead for the Xfer Station.

S. Santa Maria stated he has contacted Allied Sanitation, JRC Transportation, and O+G about a used truck scale. He has not head back from them yet. A meeting has been set up next week with a representative from Emery Winslow scales to see what the cost of new scale would be.

The Committee discussed a target goal for reopening the Xfer station on a limited basis. The goal is tentatively June 1, 2009. This will be a three dumpster operation. Two demolition and one metal. It may be limited to only opened on Saturday's. The committee will go before the Board of Selectman (P. Pronovost to schedule meeting) and the Board of Finance (Information meeting only, scheduled by S. Santa Maria)

P. Pronovost stated the State of Conn. may be providing free disposal of electronic waste. The details are being looked into as well as a start date.

S. Santa Maria recommended the Committee approach the High School about doing two things.
1) Help create an infomercial about recycling and 2) Get involved with students from the Center

School and Block Rock and teach/create a recycling program. D. David stated he could do the editing since he has access to a video lab at his school.

S. Santa Maria talked about getting recycling information available online on the Xfer Station section on the town website. P. Pronovost will look into getting pertinent links to post on the site. In addition, the transfer fee schedule will be posted there.

The Committee discussed the permit fee cost. They are suggested a 25.00 yearly permit fee to use the Xfer station.

S. Santa Maria wanted to know the exact amount the budget was cut last year when referring to the Xfer station being removed from the budget. He stated that several other costs were lumped into the total amount which do not pertain to the Xfer station. Items he noted were, brush removal, hazardous waste removal. He wants to make sure the Finance Board and First Selectman's board realize the committee is only covering costs associated with the containers and the Xfer Station.

Motion to Adjourn by P. Pronovost, 2nd by B. Bereza. Motion Unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted, Sal Santa Maria