

White River Alliance

Solid Waste Board

May 13, 2020

Those in attendance: Moe Brigham, Judi Brigham, Robert Young, Jenn Bartleman, Joshua Powers, David Barker

Absent: Sandra Conrad. Chris Noble

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm and went into executive session from 6:31pm until 6:50pm. Moe Brigham motioned to end executive session. Moe Brigham motioned and Joshua Powers seconded to increase the Facility Manager's salary. Motion unanimously approved by vote. Motion to adjourn by Moe Brigham, second by Joshua Powers to allow members time to disconnect from ZOOM meeting and reconnect to public ZOOM meeting.

Public meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

Minutes from April 8, 2020 meeting. Motion to accept by Moe Brigham, second by Judi Brigham. Motion approved by vote. Note: There was no meeting held in March due to lack of quorum.

Financial report: Overtime hours have been reduced. We may want to consider keeping the hours as is in order to reduce payroll. We are open more hours and days than other transfer stations in the area. We are getting trash from towns outside the Alliance including Williston, Vershire, Strafford, Hartford, Tunbridge, Randolph, Roxbury, etc., possibly because we have the only scale in the vicinity. David suggested we may want to consider a surcharge for "Out of Alliance" towns before raising Alliance fees. Most other fees will need to be adjusted to help with budget constraints as well. Credit accounts are reviewed on a monthly basis and accounts carrying a balance over 120 days are subject to suspension of their account.

Facility Manager Report: There have been no complaints about the 1pm closing but many comments wondering if/when the hours might go back to 3pm. The gate repairs at the cardboard compactor should be completed in the next few weeks. COVID-19 protocols are being followed by staff members. The public is not required to wear face masks and gloves but it is strongly recommended. Most individuals are observing the 6' social distancing rules. Hand sanitizer is available. Due to COVID-19 restrictions the transfer station is not permitted to accept paint, electronics, books, clothing and yard waste at this time. These restrictions are supported by the Agency of Natural Resources in an effort to protect the staff at solid waste facilities throughout Vermont. The facility has received one bid on upgrading the security cameras and is waiting on another. Green Up Day is May 30. The transfer station will accept Green Up bags and tires from Alliance towns free of charge. Residents should work with their town organizers and collectors and not bring items in individually. Out of Alliance residents and town trucks will be charged.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday June 10, 2020 at 7pm. With any luck the Governor will allow meetings of more than 10 people by then. If so, we will meet at the Bethel Town Hall where there is plenty of room to spread out. If not, tune into ZOOM.

Motion to adjourn at 7:47pm by Moe Brigham, second by Joshua Powers. Motion approved.