

Town of Ashford

Transfer Station Committee

Meeting Minutes for Saturday, June 17, 2023

Town Office Building, Room 304

1. Call to order

First Selectman Bill Falletti called the meeting to order at 9:24 a.m.

2. Members present

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Terry Wakeman (Chairman) , Keith Lipker, Charlie Bushy, Joe Kalinowski, Tom Welch, and Christine Abikof. Chuck Atkins was absent due to another meeting.

4. Review of charge to Committee

Comments by Bill Falletti, to the effect, that the Committee is performing within the charge scope.

5. Transfer Station Permitting Update

- The guard check point station delivery is scheduled between July 1 and July 15.
- Enhanced signage advising of the required procedures for use of the transfer station will be added.
- New permits are being ordered. Permits will be good for two years.
- Permits/stickers will initially be issued at the Transfer Station, to be placed on windshields. Town real estate and motor vehicle listings will be utilized to ensure permits are issued to town residents. Other proof of residency may be utilized as well. As permits are issued the information will become stored on a town laptop.
- The guard/check point will be staffed during the hours of operation. Unauthorized users will be turned around and directed to leave.
- Punch cards for tires, refrigerators will continue to be utilized.
- August 1 is the anticipated start date for the above. The Citizen newsletter will be utilized to inform Ashford citizens of the changes.
- During this time, close monitoring will take place and refinements will be implemented as necessary to minimize “pain points”.
- The guard station, signage and permits/stickers are being paid for by grant funds from the “Nip” bottle program implemented by the State.
- A proposal is to be submitted to the Board of Selectmen for a full-time floating employee addition to the town Department of Public Works in order to be present in the guard booth during operating hours and to perform handyman and other duties assigned by the DPW director, when the station is closed.
- The committee was informed that the 3% price increase, as per the contract, is in effect. Casella Waste Systems, the new owner of Willimantic Waste, has reduced the container size from 40 cubic yards to 32 cubic yards. This will result in additional hauls. With the 40 CY containers the town previously had approximately 667 hauls of waste materials average annually. The projected amount of waste materials is tracking to remain the same for 2023.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Keith Lipker, Secretary

June 19, 2023

