

**Blue Hill/Surry Transfer Station
Solid Waste Committee Meeting
Tuesday, February 27th, 2024, at 4pm|Blue Hill Town Hall
Minutes**

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4pm.

Attendance and Quorum

1. **Quorum and Meeting Attendance** – S. Miller (Chair, BH), T. Welgoss (S), M. Allen (S), C. Stark (S), S. Dooley (BH), E. Best (BH), D. Soper (Transfer Station Manager), J. Atwell (BH Town Administrator), M. Rockwell (BH Treasurer).
2. **Approval of Minutes for January 23rd, 2024** – S. Dooley motioned to approve the minutes for January 23rd, 2024; T. Welgoss seconded. Vote: 4/0 Approved.
3. **Sending Town Comments** – Brooklin wanted to know if the Committee could estimate the cost to sending towns for the first half of 2025 so that they could include it in their budget. S. Miller advised that they don't have that ability.
4. **Public Comment** – No public comments.

Business

1. **Transfer Station Manager Update** – The newly purchased, refurbished compactor needs a 7" bore for more pushing power. He received a quote from the vendor that we purchased it from for \$2,846 to install the upgraded bore. He noted in a letter attached to the quote that he made an "honest mistake". The Committee discussed that since this was in part the vendor's mistake (as he noted), they could split the difference with the vendor, return the compactor and trade it for an upgrade or possibly switch it with the single-sort compactor. They also discussed getting a quote from a different vendor to replace the bore.

The compactor fire last week is believed to have started from paint rags. There was no apparent damage. DM&J stated that the can was minimally damaged. The incident was reported to our insurer, Maine Municipal Association. They noted the incident but did not submit a claim.

D. Soper asked what he could do if citizens refused a sticker. The Committee advised that they can be turned away. The Committee discussed having town's issue notifications to their citizens concerning the Transfer Station Policies. They also discussed having a hand-out explaining why stickers are important.

Maine Pest Solutions have been contacted to take care of the rodent problem. They charge \$800 for the initial visit and \$150 monthly thereafter.

The Committee encourages D. Soper to hire more employees prior to the busy summer season. Currently, he and Kole are full time, and he has two part-timers that can fill in during the needed hours.

2. **Review of 2024 Revenues/Expenses** – There was minimal discussion.

- 3. Review of 2023 Audit** – The Committee discussed the upcoming 2023 audit. The auditor believes that the Transfer Station should be treated as an enterprise for the Town of Blue Hill. They can still create separate audited financials, however.

Other Business

- 1. 2022 Audit** – The Committee request that sending towns be provided with a copy of the final 2022 audit.
- 2. QuickBooks** – Financial statements may be provided from QuickBooks at the next meeting (in March).

Adjournment

S. Dooley moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:50pm, E. Best seconded. Vote: 6/0 Approved.