

**Blue Hill/Surry Transfer Station  
Solid Waste Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
Minutes**

**Called Meeting to Order at 4:00pm**

1. **Quorum and Meeting Attendance** – M. Allen (Chair, S), S. Miller (BH), E. Best (BH), C. Stark (S), T. Welgoss (S), J. Atwell (BH Town Administrator), M. Rockwell (BH Treasurer), D. Soper (Manager).
2. **Approval of Minutes for April 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting** – S. Miller moved to approve the April 23<sup>rd</sup> minutes; C. Stark seconded. Vote: 5/0 Approved.
3. **Public Comment** – Nancy Hathaway would like to have a pile of building materials that can be reused from the transfer station. She specifically was interested in older wooden windows, 2x4s and pine boards. She talked with D. Soper briefly about a possible container or covered area. D. Soper advised that anyone can pick the demo pile.

**Business**

1. **Transfer Station Manager update (D. Soper)** – Dave spoke with Steve Redman who used to mow the transfer station field. Mr. Redman stated it takes about 12 hours at the rate of \$100/hour. D. Soper advised the Board that the forklift recommended service is estimated at \$2227 and he also needs a windshield replacement that is estimated at \$920. He purchased a new mower for the transfer station at a cost of \$2499. He met with the DEP on May 21<sup>st</sup> for an inspection. The inspector told him, “It’s one of the cleanest transfer stations around.” The inspection went well with only a couple of minor suggestions.
2. **Review of 2024 Revenues/Expenses (M. Rockwell)** – M. Rockwell reviewed the expenses with the Committee. They would like to see fund balances and revenues at the next meeting.
3. **Potential Gift to DM&J** – Per legal counsel we can offer a gift to DM&J, however Drummond Woodsum would draft a letter to go along with it. S. Miller suggested that E. Best draft a letter and submit that to legal. E. Best is willing.
4. **Surry Insurance Coverage (Miller/Welgoss)** – The Town of Surry needs something in writing (a Certificate of Insurance or an endorsement to the policy) to show that they are covered under the current policy. J. Atwell will work with MMA and T. Welgoss.
5. **Penobscot Peninsula MSW Collaboration Effort (Wootten)** – This is an ongoing effort to get someone from the state level to get involved. Jim Fisher has been recording notes at the meetings. (J. Wootten was not available during the Solid Waste Committee meeting to discuss.)
6. **Any Other Business** –
  - a. **Demo Pile Picking** – Proper signage, such as “pick at your own risk” is needed. C. Stark will send verbiage to D. Soper. D. Soper will order signs.
  - b. **Eco Maine Annual Board Meeting** – The Board would like to be notified when Eco Maine is down.

**Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 4:55pm.