

Town of Gouldsboro Solid Waste Committee Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2009

Members present: Chuck Davis, Mary Ann Higgins, Ray Jones, Janet Michaud, Jon Young

Members not present: Robert Hedger, Jerry Kron, Becky O'Keefe, Bill Zoellick

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes from the December 15th meeting.

The first few weeks of the "fee per tag" seems to be going quite well. Only one "illegal bag" has been found so far, which was taken to the police, but the owner could not be identified.

It was reported that the transfer station is now accepting corrugated cardboard.

The committee discussed the recommendation from Jerry Kron that the town consider purchasing a scale for \$1,800 to weigh recyclables before they go to Coastal Recycling. It was decided that it was not necessary to make such a purchase at this time for weighing recyclables. The Town Office already keeps track of PERC tonnage for garbage.

It was also noted that the PERC tipping fees per ton are being raised, and the question was asked why. Ray Jones will investigate this.

Janet Michaud reported that Southwest Harbor accepts all plastics and paper products, and offered to take these recyclables from committee members, since she has weekly meetings in Southwest Harbor. Chuck Davis offered to investigate how they are able to do this.

The committee then reviewed the current expenses/costs for the following:

Tate McLean	\$35,700
PERC	\$70,000
Mark Wright	\$118,00
Transfer station	\$14,400
Total	\$168,000

The committee recommended that the Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen renew these contracts when they come up in August, 2009.

The committee also recommended that "no illegal dumping" signs be posted around town, especially in locations where people from away summer, such as Prospect Point Road, Lighthouse Point Road, Kinsley Farms, Paul Bunyon Road, Gouldsboro Point, Corea. These signs will be available for anyone wanting to post them in any other locations.

Jon Young shared an article in AARP on “Earning Green by Going Green” RecycleBank which offers discounts and coupons for goods at hundreds of stores including Home Depot. Anyone interested in learning more about this program can contact the RecycleBank at 888-727-2978, or at www.recyclebank.com.

Time Warner has agreed to give the town money for purchasing more recycle bin covers, as we have more bins than covers.

Chuck Davis reported that the Ashville Redemption Center is open to exchanging “fee per tag” stickers for anyone turning in recyclables. He will talk to Eve about this.

Chuck Davis reported that Coastal Recycling has lost \$9,000 this past year, and once again recommended that the town agree to raising the cost to the town from \$6.30 to \$10.00 per person. He also advised the committee that Coastal Recycling will probably be accepting #1 plastics within the next few months.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 9th at 7:00 p.m.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Michaud, Secretary