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WEARE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
November 30, 2023

PRESENT: BENJAMIN D. KNAPP, VICE CHAIRMAN; SALIM BLUME, SELECTMAN; SHERRY M. BURDICK, SELECTMAN; JANICE MATHEWS, SELECTMAN.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR: Naomi L. Bolton

EXCUSED: FREDERICK W. HIPPLER

GUESTS: Jason Fiske- DPW Director; Mark Kondelis, Jr, DES; Jaime Colby, DES; Paige Wilson, DES.

The meeting started at 10 AM, Vice Chairman Knapp joined the meeting at 10:07 AM.

The purpose of the meeting was to tour the Transfer Station Facilities with representatives from NH Department of Environmental (DES) Solid Waste Management Division to discuss permitting renewal options.

The group started at the DPW garage and walked around all areas of the transfer station. DPW Director Jason Fiske explained how the demo and recycling works. The sticker program was discussed. The walk continued down beyond the transfer station facility, down to the crushed glass pile, other materials and to the capped area. Earlier this year, due to the amount of rain, the landfill cap slipped off the back corner. DES viewed the cap and the area where the slip occurred. The cap needs to be reinstalled.

Mark Kondelis handed the Board 3 documents: Permit by Notification (PBN) for Limited Public Solid Waste Transfer Station/Recycling Facility; the NH Code of Administrative Rules for Permit-by-Notification Facilities; and a copy of the 1989 Weare Transfer Station Facility Permit. Copies will be scanned and sent to the entire board by TA Bolton.

In order to qualify for the PBN permit, 1) the facility shall receive no more than 30 tons of waste per day on average; 2) the facility shall store no more than 14 times the maximum quantity of waste the facility shall be authorized in the permit to receive on average daily; and 3) the storage limit (specified in 2) shall not include storage of select recyclable materials with some further provisions.

The Town of Weare qualifies for the PBN permit if the town chooses to go that route. Mr. Kondelis offered to provide a template for the PBN. A copy of the permit, whether it be a regular permit or a PBN needs to be posted on site at both the DPW facility and the Transfer Station facility. If the Town wants to keep the original permit the town needs to be modified with an updated operating plan and updated closure plan. The end of year reporting is the same for either permit. If the permit is going to allow hours outside 6 AM – 6 PM, permission from DES is required. If the town changes and goes to a PBN permit, all the signage will need to be changed.

Selectman Blume asked about the time frame for this to occur, as far as a date. DES suggested that by the end of February the town should start the re-permitting process, but DES will expect to hear from us by no later than the end of April. The current permit is still active. The Town will need to review the information and decide whether they want to renew the current permit as is or change over to the PBN permit.

The DES staff offered to assist the Town in any way they can.

Being there was no further business to come before the Board, Vice Chairman Knapp made a motion, and Selectman Blume seconded to adjourn at 11:33 AM. Passed 4-0-0

ADJOURNMENT

A True Record.

Naomi L. Bolton

Naomi L. Bolton,
Town Administrator