



Town of Princeton Waste and Recycling Committee Minutes

Thursday, April 27, 2023

9:00 am

Remote Meeting via gotomeeting

Committee members present: Richard Bisk, Claire Golding, Peter Guimette
and Shaunna Knuth

Interested Parties: Irene Congden, DEP

Members of the Public: Linda Nash

New Business

1. Call meeting to order: Claire Golding called the meeting to order at 9:03 am.
2. Public Comment Period: Linda Nash stated that it "sounds like the project is dead" considering all of the challenges we have encountered. Claire Golding responded that we are still looking at options and it is not dead.
3. Minutes of the January 19, 2023, meeting were reviewed. Claire Golding stated that Item #7 should be that Sherry Patch was going to speak to Terri Longtine about an official CONTACT at E. L. Harvey, not contract. Claire Golding made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Richard Bisk seconded the motion. All in favor.
4. It was determined that for Princeton to be able to use the Waste Management facility on Route 31 both the City of Fitchburg and Town of Westminster would need to hold a Town Meeting to vote to let us join.
5. There was a discussion on our meeting with the Department of Environmental Protection. There are multiple obstacles to using the old landfill. We need to find the original Site Assessment which states exactly what the DEP allows to be done on the site. If we have the correct wording in the site assessment, we may be able to modify it. There is a better chance of getting approved to use the old landfill than a new site assessment at the Highway Barn.
6. Irene Congden stated that there might be a possible utilization of the site in Holden. Maybe there could be an arrangement with a drop off fee per bag. Claire Golding suggested that we wait to explore this option for now, as there are many potential obstacles. Claire will also see if she can find the original Site Assessment document for the old landfill.
7. Claire Golding will prepare a status report for the Town on where we are as a committee with the survey results.
8. There was a brief discussion on whether we could work with the Board of Health to see if we could get better prices on pick-up in town. Would E. L. Harvey be interested in a contract? Claire Golding will set up a meeting with E.L. Harvey to discuss options.
9. Next meeting will be Thursday, June 15, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

10. Meeting adjourned 10:05 am