



Town of Princeton Waste and Recycling Committee Minutes

Thursday, June 15, 2023

9:00 am

Remote Meeting via gotomeeting

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

Interested Parties: Sherry Patch, Town Administrator and Irene Congden, DEP

New Business

1. Call meeting to order: Claire Golding called the meeting to order at 9:12 am.
2. Minutes of the April 27, 2023 meeting were reviewed. Claire Golding said that #6 should say that she would explore options with the Town of Holden in the future due to the potential obstacles. Richard Bisk made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Claire Golding seconded the motion. All in favor.
3. Claire Golding reported that Jim Hillis found a document for the old landfill site. It is not literally a designation of the landfill. After reviewing the document, it appears that this option has no future because the road into the old landfill is impassable; there are complications of a transfer station at the proposed site of the solar farm and the wetlands and water supply are closer to the old landfill than those at the Highway Barn.
4. Jim Hillis also proposed the center school site as a possible location for the transfer station but this would be a long and tortuous process to get approved as a site.
5. There was a discussion about the upcoming meeting with E. L. Harvey. It was decided that Claire Golding would take the lead in the meeting with Mike and explain that the committee's goals were to have one preferred hauler; lower rates for the citizens; incentive to reduce waste. One question to ask would be is it more expensive for them to pick up at multiple locations versus one location.
6. There was a discussion about the haulers who are licensed with the Town are supposed to be using Wheelabrator. The Town's revenues are going down because the haulers are not bringing their trash there. This will be a topic at the Town Meeting next week. If the Town issued an ultimatum to the haulers we could potentially lose their business. Our contact with Wheelabrator is through 2026 and it cannot be broken.
7. Claire Golding reported that she had received 2 positive emails as a result of the status email she sent out.
8. Our next meeting will be July 6th @9:00 a.m.
9. Adjourned 10:00 am