

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WORKING MEETING
APRIL 8, 2010
SELECTMEN'S OFFICE
4:00 PM**

Board Members Present: David D. Macy, Chairman
Julie M. Hannum, Clerk
Rene C. Wood

Others Present: Joseph A. Kellogg, Town Administrator
Rhonda LaBombard, Assistant Town Administrator
David Steindler, Solid Waste Task Force Chairman
Ted Pitman, Solid Waste Task Force Member
Marcia Friedman, Solid Waste Task Force Member
Greig Siedor, Solid Waste Task Force Member
David Smith, Sr., Solid Waste Task Force Member
Fred Panitz, Solid Waste Task Force Member
Bart Elsbach, Solid Waste Task Force Member

Members of the public

Chairman Macy called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. and explained that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the three reports that the Solid Waste Task Force has submitted to the Board. Chairman Macy also explained that this was a working meeting and not open for public input.

Chairman Macy asked Chairman Steindler to comment on each report or to defer to other members of the Task Force to discuss the various reports.

Chairman Steindler said it was a unanimous consensus of the Task Force to keep the Transfer Station open and that the current system of trash disposal is lax in educating the users.

Chairman Macy stated that the Board is looking for recommendations from the Task Force regarding the Transfer Station for FY 2011. Chairman Steindler stated that the Task Force recommends staying with the current Enterprise Fund system but increase educational information for the users, as discussed in the report drafted by Greig Siedor, which recommendation was approved by the Task Force.

Mr. Panitz spoke regarding the report that was signed by Peter Stiglin, Marcia Friedman, Ted Pitman and Fred Panitz. Mr. Panitz stated that in his opinion there was not controversy with the Enterprise System as it exists and there was no reason to change it. The Task Force discussed several forms of PAYT (Pay as you Throw) systems of trash disposal and decided that the current system is the easiest. The current system is not broken but is faulty with approximately 20% of the residents that have not responded with information on how they dispose of their

trash. Mr. Panitz expressed his concern with not following up on these residents. Several members of the Task Force expressed concerns with the cost of the Transfer Station stickers.

Bart Elsbach drafted a plan that would have the Town engage a single hauler for all residents in Town.

Marcia Friedman stated that some of the information requested was not available concerning the history of users and number/types of stickers sold. She feels that if the sticker fees were more reasonable more residents would use the Transfer Station.

David Smith Sr. stated that a PAYT system based on weight was the most equitable. Discussion ensued regarding commercial haulers, which are not allowed to dispose of trash at the Transfer Station. It appears that there are people that are being paid to bring trash to the Transfer Station for several residents on a regular basis and Mr. Smith expressed his concerns with this practice.

Greig Siedor discussed the report that he drafted regarding education. Mr. Siedor suggested that enforcement be reviewed and also expressed his concern that there be enough in the Enterprise Fund to cover future capital costs.

The Board thanked the Task Force members for their time and effort.

Selectman Wood made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Selectman Hannum. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Macy adjourned the meeting at 5:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Rhonda LaBombard
Assistant Town Administrator