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**APPROVED**

**Board of Selectmen Meeting**

**May 24, 2023 - Academy Building – 2:30 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Present:** Chairman Mark Warren, Vice-Chairman Vincent Baiocchi, Selectmen Evan Collins, *absent with notice*, Town Administrator Heather Carpenter, Amanda Longo – BlueLion

This meeting is being held because there was a letter that was received from DES that lists deficiencies. This was something they notified the Town of on April 27<sup>th</sup>, but there was no deadline given at that time. In general, severe deficiencies come with a 5-day period that they are expected to be remedied. A grace period was given because there was a plan of action prepared at the time they had come out. It has not met their standard of a quick remediation. She did send them an email that the Selectboard was included on what the Town was doing, and what we were still working on, and information pertaining to some of the material. TA Carpenter has not heard anything further back from DES so we will continue forward on the same path of remediation that we have been working towards. We will continue trying to recruit individuals from other towns if they are available. We are still waiting on information from Clean Harbors after testing some of the barrels that have unidentified waste in them. There is waste oil held inside the facility, but it is unknown if it is contaminated with anything. Oscar from Clean Harbors was able to test some of the barrels, but notified TA Carpenter that the cleanup was larger than he anticipated so he was going to change things over to a more cost-effective solution through Lab Pack Specialists who comes out with their lab, their testing, and remediate. The amount of remediation that they are going to do and the amount of what they'll be able to take is extensive. So, items won't have to go separately through other vendors like it has been. TA Carpenter listed the items that Clean Harbors identified. Schnitzer is going to come out through the NRRRA and clean up the remainder of the scrap pile that Jon Edgerly from Pittsfield has been able to consolidate. They will also be able to take the refrigerators and A/C units, as well as a bin of additional scrap metal near the gate. Jon Edgerly will be working on filling the C&D containers and moving loose materials into the 30-yard container out back. Progress is being made, but there has been no additional feedback from DES, but the letter clearly states that within 5 days of when the letter was written, which was May 18<sup>th</sup>, however, this was not received until May 22<sup>nd</sup>, is when the first two sections cleaned and remediated.

TA Carpenter updated the facility number, but it is not visible from the road. TA Carpenter stated that she will have the Administrative Assistant order a sign from Adel Signs to make the number visible. TA Carpenter stated that DES should be good with the information she has provided and has sent pictures with the last email, so she feels it is on the right path. However, she cannot guarantee that DES won't shut the facility down especially if they continue to get contamination in the bins because it's against the law. Signs are hung on the facility that state what is acceptable in the bin and is listed per RSA. No demo signs were hung on the compactors. TA Carpenter stated that the Selectboard has to put out something prior to this weekend that states contamination is being found, someone in the community is doing and they need to stop, or potential issues like an unusable facility and fines for the town could occur. Additionally, Chief Currier will be providing two officers for a special weekend detail. There will be two employees from the Highway Department each day also there. They understand that if they see an unusual bag that they can tell residents that the bag will not be dumped at this facility or the bags can be subject to inspection. TA Carpenter believes that the contamination is intentional and being placed in the bin which are clearly against the RSA.

Chairman Warren would like the letter to include a reminder of the RSA and what it is. Let the residents know that contaminants have been found and what the ramifications are. The Town is subject to fines and potential closures should also be included, and bags could be subject to search.

TA Carpenter stated that there was additional contamination that happened today in the form of paint cans, a tire, and a fish tank that was placed by two individuals from the community that Pete visibly saw. This information will be written up and sent to PD to see how to proceed with it. Vice Chairman Baiocchi asked if they know the individuals causing the contamination are they able to ban them from the facility. TA Carpenter stated she was not sure and had to find out more information.

TA Carpenter stated aside from these incidents the facility is well on its way to being cleaned up.

TA Carpenter stated the first Non-Public is in regards to a hybrid position between the Highway Department and Transfer Station.

The Transfer Station website has been being regularly updated

☐ **Action Item:** Administrative Assistant, to forward Clean Harbors information to Selectboard

☐ **Action Item:** Administrative Assistant, order from Adel Signs a sign listing Transfer Station Facility number.

**Motion:** On a motion by Chairman Warren and seconded by Vice Chairman Baiocchi it was voted to move in to Non-Public 91-A:3 (b). (2-0)

**NON-PUBLIC 91-A:3 (b) – Hiring – Highway**

**NON-PUBLIC 91-A:3 (c) - TRN**

**Motion:** On a motion by Vice Chairman Baiocchi and seconded by Chairman Warren it was voted to come out of Non-Public 91-A:3 (b). (2-0)

**Motion:** On a motion by Vice Chairman Baiocchi and seconded by Chairman Warren it was vote to hire Austin Simonds as a Laborer/Operator, Solid Waste Attendant, Full-time and at a rate of \$21.54 per hour, Grade 7, Step 6 and enrolled in NH Retirement, Insurance, and vacation as dictated by our policy. And that he be required to obtain a Solid Waste Operator License within 30 days of hire. (2-0)

**Motion:** On a motion by Vice Chairman Baiocchi and seconded by Chairman Warren it was voted to authorize highway department, after they have received their certification for Solid Waste Operators they will receive a \$1,500 stipend and complete the work needed at the Transfer Station. (2-0)

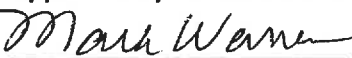
**Motion:** On a motion by Vice Chairman Baiocchi and seconded by Chairman Warren it was voted to adjourn.

**Adjourned 3:36 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Amanda Davis, Administrative Assistant

**Approved by the Board of Selectmen**





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Selectmen Evan Collins

Chairman Mark E. Warren

Vice-Chair Vincent A. Baiocchi

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