



Update- Transfer Station

04-27-2023

Information for the Public:

- Three employees had been terminated on 04-19-2023 for a cumulative 32 personnel policy violations.
- The issues that have been presented after the termination, the conditions of the facility are not in full compliance with Dept. of Environmental Services standards. *See attached pictures**
- DES had been contacted for approval to determine that the facility could be operated for household trash with the (1) Primary Operator, this was confirmed and the facility was allowed to remain open for household trash only.
- DES came out for a site inspection on 04-24-2023
- **The facility was found with significant deficiencies, some requiring immediate action;**
The full DES report is expected in the near future.

1. **Batteries-** improperly stored, removed immediately- All visible batteries have been removed on 04-26-23 by North Coast Services
2. **Fencing-** to barricade the portion of the facility that cannot be accessible to the public at this time- East Coast Fencing is coming out on May 02nd to discuss the needs of the facility.
3. **Propane cylinders not properly stored-** This has been scheduled for 04-28-2023- North Coast Services
4. **Barrels-**Significant amounts of barrels that have not been identified, are not placard and represent a hazard to the facility, and need to be removed immediately.
5. **Hazardous Waste-** A hazardous waste cabinet represents a potential fire hazard and spill hazard
6. **Improperly positioned/storage refrigerators-** Freon has been disposed of properly by North Coast Services
7. **Loose Trash-**Large amounts of free trash throughout the property and along the property line
8. **Updated Facility Permit-**The facility permit was not posted visibly or anywhere per state rules. The permit will need to be updated in the future but is not an immediate concern.
9. **Missing Records-** Quantities, type, source, and destination records are required to be maintained at the transfer station.

Other areas of concern:

- **TV Disposal-** This request has been made, and we are waiting for the scheduled date and time.
- **Tire Disposal-** Approximately 109+/- tires waiting for pick-up. This request has been made, we are waiting for the scheduled date and time.
- **Scrap Metal-** A load has been ordered, and pick-up has been scheduled for Monday, May 01st.
- **Plastic Bales-** Pending pick-up
- **Aluminum/Steel-** Pending pick-up
- **Ecosmith Recyclers/ clothing bin-** Picked up 04-26-23
- **Light Bulbs-** picked up with the batteries on 04-26-23
- **Equipment-** An appointment for service has been scheduled, the office was notified that there had not been annual service since 2021. There had only been appointments to address problems as they arose.

Open Position: The Foreman job description for the Transfer Station has been placed on the website, NHMA, and the newspaper.

Septic pumped-04-27-23: Rowell's Septic came out to pump the tank.

- There are a few concerns, including a large number of feminine hygiene products in the tank. The filter was floating in the tank, and it is no longer working to filter out debris. The filter has to be cleaned out every six months per the contractor.
- Only one manhole cover is present for the outlet, the inlet is not visible but the contractor stated they are generally about 4-6 ft away from each other. To find the inlet the pavement would have to be exposed. The Administrative Assistant will call around to all the local companies to see if they have ever serviced the system as we have no service records for it. We will reach out to an additional contractor for a second opinion.

Single Stream Container: Waste Management was supposed to deliver the container tomorrow, however, the box that they received has been damaged and needs repairs, our local facility is expecting a newer container tomorrow but will need to be inspected before it can be scheduled for delivery. Once the covered container is delivered it will be accessible to the public once temporary fencing is in place.

Fire Dept- Controlled Burn- Next Week:

This effort will take care of the remaining pile and free up the area. It was Chief Hempel's recommendation in the past not to take compost and brush. Jim Hurst has supported that initial recommendation because we do not have enough space to hold the material and safely burn it. He stated that Gilford burns regularly with roughly 15 acres of space. Our area is approximately an acre.

Compost, Glass, Burn, and Scrap Metal Area:

- Pending Estimate: Wolcott and Busby will be producing an estimate to remedy the back glass, scrap/fridge, compost, and brush areas once the scrap has been taken and the controlled burn has been done by the Fire Dept.
- They are going to bury the crushed glass and compost where the current scrap pile is and put a foot of material over it so that the ground has a harder base than the poor base that is there now. They will be creating a berm with the rest of the material along the north side/away from the property line so as not to breach the property line in the future. The newly reclaimed area will be leveled out and completely cleared of the old containers and materials.
- They will be removing the trailers and the old containers.
- See the attached site map for the rough plan

Water System: When the Board has received the quotes for the interior infrastructure projects the water system can be addressed. We have the quote in the amount of \$6,464.00.

Items pending:

- Hazardous Waste Pick-up- Scheduling required
- The Town of Wakefield offered to help, waiting to hear about a schedule
- The Town of Moultonborough reached out on Friday, waiting to hear back.
- Inmate Program- Sergeant checking on inmates with certifications, reaching out to Allenstown
- Interior clean-up of recycling material is required to be done by certified individuals
- Clean-up for various household items needs to be placed in the C & D container.
- Contractor for infrastructure update to office and bathroom and other interior upgrades. - Calls have been made awaiting a response
- Dumpster Depot- Called and awaiting scheduled pick-up

All in all, we have a lot of moving parts with this Department due to the deficiencies but a significant amount of planning, scheduling, and work has been done in the last nine days. As estimates are received the Board will be informed.















