

Town of Thompson
Transfer Station Advisory Committee
Minutes, Regular Meeting 8/24/2023

Those in attendance: First Selectman Amy St. Onge, Members: Paul Horanzy, David Ostrowski, Karen Durlach, Linda Carli, Al Landry, Lynn Landry.

1. Choose Meeting Moderator and Secretary: Karen Durlach volunteered to moderate the meeting, Lynn Landry volunteered to record the minutes. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM in the Merrill Seney community Room.
2. Approve Minutes of January 26, 2023: Motion by Al Landry, seconded by Linda Carli, to approve the minutes of January 26, 2023. All in favor, motion carries.
3. Changes to Agenda: None
4. Correspondence: None.
5. Financial Report: Finance Director William Steglitz had supplied the end of the FY 22/23 report. We discussed being more involved in the next budget process, looking at historical and projected figures.
6. Information from First Selectman: Amy reported that the Transfer Station received a good report from OSHA on a recent inspection. The Swap Shack will be replaced with one of the "11th Village" buildings currently in Riverside Park. We discussed the usage of Nips Funds. The consensus of the Committee is to use these funds to replace some of the containers with a four-unit container and then to use funds to pay for engineered plans for further improvements. Director of Public Works Joe Tkacik and his staff are creating a long-term plan. We discussed the history of the Boy Scout Bottle/Can Shed and its present use, along with bottle/can collection for the ARC. The Bottle/Can Shed needs to be replaced. (See Committee Member Comments below.)
7. Recycling, Education and Trash Reduction Effort: Amy will contact Superintendent Smith to see if there can be a tour of the Transfer Station for students. We discussed enforcement and Linda noted a large number of uncovered loads that litter nearby roads.
8. Citizens' Comments: None.
9. Comments from Committee Members: Paul Horanzy suggested having the carpentry students at TMHS build a new shed for the Bottles and Cans. Amy will bring this suggestion to Superintendent Smith. We discussed possible fundraising ideas and the opportunity for multi-dimensional learning with students to plan, budget and complete this project.
10. Other Business: None.
11. Set next meeting date and agenda: The 2024 meetings will be January 25, 2024 and August 22, 2024. Special meetings will be held when needed. Lynn will forward the meeting schedule to the Town Clerk.
12. Adjournment: Motion by Al Landry, seconded by Linda Carli, to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 PM. All in favor, motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted, Lynn Landry

