

**TCSWMO
MEETING
Somerville Town Office**

**April 27, 2023
6:30 pm**

The following directors were present: Tom Pitzi, Henry Hall, Dana Philippi, Don Thebeau, John Shepard, Jacob Tobias, Sarah Bullard, and Elaine Porter.

Also present were David Stanley, Facility Manager, and Gail Philippi, Administrative Assistant.

Tom Pitzi, President opened the meeting at 6:37 pm. We all introduced ourselves to new member Jacob Tobias from Appleton.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: A motion was made by Henry Hall and seconded by Tom Pitzi to accept the minutes of the February 2, 2023, meeting. Confirmed Sarah Bullard will work on the website. No comments or questions. Motion carried with one abstention.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The checking account balance as of today is \$199,658.37. The Reserve Account balance is \$138,688.30 = Total \$338,346.67. This includes the first two quarters which have been received from each town. John Shepard made a motion and Don Thebeau seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report. No comments or questions. Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:

John commented on the recycling report which he felt was very informative and thanked David for sending it. John suggested printing it in all the Town Reports next year.

Sarah asked about glass recycling. Glass is ground at the Station and sent off to Lincoln Co.

Recycling. Window glass, light bulbs, etc. have to go in trash. Big stuff goes in demo. John said it is garbage done right. We stopped taking all plastic but #2 when China stopped buying it. Tom talked about EPR laws and that getting funding and reporting are problems.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

FACILITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

HHW Day is always the third Saturday in which is June 17th from 8:30 – 11. The setup fee has gone from \$1,000 to \$1200. They charge us \$31 per unit and the fee charged customers will be \$12 per unit. They handle everything, they unload it, determine the units and what some things are.

We'll send flyers to all the Town Offices.

David will put the speed bumps back in. We do need replacement stakes. There have been mixed reviews of the bumps.

David will be placing a bag order in late May or early June. He buys 75,000 to 100,000 at a time. It will cost around \$32,000.

Nonmember **demo** activity, which is charged at a higher rate, has resumed. It is tenuous and it all depends on the business climate. We enjoy the income while we can. MCSW & Rockland have quarries and they are filling up, so they are taking less. They are getting choosy about what and from whom they take demo. Belfast and St. George are the same way. Our demo goes to a landfill, so we won't run into the same issue of running out of room. We're a transfer station so we don't keep anything.

David is curtailing operational costs and has cut down on extra mowing and plowing by employees. David swapped our old scale head for the next calibration service fee.

We did crack sealing last year which we do every 6 years or so. We have to decide if we want to pave it now. The Station hasn't been paved since 1992. Discount Paving (who did Luce's) gave a

quote of \$75,000 to repave, with shimming and changing the pitch.

This covers everything and goes out to Route 17 (Heald Highway). It can be done somewhat piecemeal, but we may need to close for a day. Some companies have not called back (Performance and also Patterson who is expensive). David needs to get another estimate. He has learned that cheap is not always the best. John recommended J.A. Gilbert and will check him out. It is getting late to wait until our next meeting in July. Paving ends at the end of September or October. There are not generally grants for paving. Sarah wondered about splitting it over two years. David said one danger is that costs could go up next year.

Reserve Account – Tom wondered about paying for paving from this account. we do not need to buy a trailer or can this year. The backhoe is doing well (it is old enough to vote!). David Larrabee has been working on it and keeping it going.

Tom made a motion to authorize David to spend up to \$80,000 from the Reserve Account to cover repaving of the facility. Jacob Tobias seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

David is putting in another Safety Grant with MMA, from whom we've received jackets and safety cabinets, etc.

NEW BUSINESS:

Clothing Recycling: Tom got an email from Penelope Olsen from Appleton about a New Hampshire company called Apparel Impact who puts bins out to collect clothes in all condition. David said we had done Planet Aid in the past and it didn't go well, things other than clothes were put in them. They were outside. David won't take bags of clothing for the free section now. He's not adverse to putting a bin like Planet Aid outside but the staff won't police it. It could reduce the amount going in our trash now. David will call them and get information. He would put the bin down by the scale shack where the Planet Aid bin was.

Website: Sarah will get together with Ali and take over updating it to make it look more up to date. Tom asked if we stick with Wix or switch providers. Tom will reach out to Peter about the bill getting put into Gail's name and address as she never heard how that was resolved. Sarah said that the page with fees isn't easy to find. The list of Board members hasn't been updated. David will send pictures to Sara.

At 8:18 pm a motion was made by John Shepard and seconded by Tom Pitzi and passed to enter Executive Session to discuss a matter pursuant to Title 1 MRSA 405§6(A). All in favor.

At 8:20 pm a motion was made by Henry Hall and seconded by John Shepard and passed to enter the Director's regular meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Quarterly Financial reports were previously emailed to all members who have email and copies mailed to those without email.

The next meeting is on July 20th at the Union Town Office.

Henry Hall made a motion and John Shepard seconded to adjourn at 8:24 pm.

Submitted by, Gail Philippi, Administrative Assistant