

**MEETING
Washington Town Office
October 27, 2022**

The following directors were present: Tom Pitzi, Elaine Porter, Norman Casas, Gordon Thebeau, Dana Philippi, John Shepard, Sara Bullard, Lee Shane, and Peter Beckett.
Also present were David Stanley, Facility Manager, and Gail Philippi, Administrative Assistant.

Tom Pitzi, President opened the meeting at 6:33 pm.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: A motion was made by Peter to accept the minutes of the August 4, 2022, meeting Norman seconded. Passed with one abstention.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The checking account balance as of today is \$182,863.52. The Reserve Account balance is \$133,506.46. The total is \$316,369.98. In October, \$18,750 reserve money was transferred to the Reserve Account and \$5,393 was transferred from the Reserve Account into the Checking account as voted on to cover the Power Washer.

Gail will move \$23,100 from the Reserve Account to the Checking Account to cover the bag purchase. All of these transfers appear in the next report.

Norman Casas made a **motion** to accept the Treasurer's report and Dana Philippi seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT: David explained the Gordon Libby base rate charge and the fuel surcharge and why it is so high. There aren't many businesses who do what Libby does. Lee asked about the website and who updates it. She'll bring her question to Ali.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Manager's Facility Report:

David has implemented the MMA Safety Grant and we now have speed bumps and new pavement markings. They reused posts. Some people don't slow down, and David is considering getting another grant to put speed bumps along the exit road as people also speed when leaving. We should be reimbursed by year end. The hot water pressure washer was delivered. It runs on diesel which we already have, and we will keep in the office in winter to avoid freezing.

Demo – we have had some very large loads coming in (5-6 tons in one load) and the out of area customers are paying an extra fee. We get compliments from them on cleanliness and customer service.

Spare roll-off has been patched and painted.

We need to do some work on the 2003 backhoe; the arms which are cracked and need welding.

We have green, brown, and clear glass windows. David is getting a third glass grinder, so we don't have to break up the green glass in a barrel. When it is ground it is safer and it takes up less space. Brown and green have to be separated. ecomaine doesn't separate it and David thinks tht maybe Lincoln Co. goes for a more prime market.

Stone's Auto Truck Service did a trailer repair on the older trailer for the first time – brakes, air can, axle seals, and inspection. The trailers sit more than they run which isn't good. They are inspected each year.

2023 Preliminary Budget stuff:

David will put in for another safety grant.

Facility repair – David doesn't see anything big coming up. Paving not in be done in 2023 but we should do a shim coat through an infrastructure line maybe 6 years from now. David could get an estimate for this for

what it would be if they did it now. Appleton uses State Gravel. We've done seal coating every 6 years, but prices have gone up a lot and there are more cracks than the last time it was done. Tom suggested putting money aside every year for it. David will check on current prices to have the area paved instead. Near the mixed paper bin, the asphalt is broken up and David has considered pouring concrete there. There is already concrete by the rolloffs for demo and metal which holds up to the weight better. John asked about keeping the Heavy Equipment Fund the same or increasing it. David thinks it is low, he will call Warren to get current trailer prices. Union Farm doesn't sell New Holland backhoes any longer. David will check with an equipment dealer for baseline pricing and time frames. There is a line item in the reserve account.

OLD BUSINESS:

Subcommittee to review salaries – Ali, John, Peter, and Norman met on Zoom Monday 10/25.

John reported that they came up with a comprehensive list of questions for each to ask various other transfer stations. They come up with a list of a dozen stations (3 each). John wants to know how David would feel about getting a call like this. Peter has left voice mail messages and he did contact MMA and they gave him a list of all the Stations in Maine. He can also check their salary list.

They will meet again on Nov 7th and compile the info they get to have it ready for the Preliminary Budget meeting.

Tom says a lot of it is public info and it will be interesting to see how we are received. John says there is a lot of anecdotal info, and he doesn't want to lose anyone, it is a good crew. Lee asked if there are enough people to work. Norman says it can vary at different times. Not everyone is full time, but this allows us to get someone for one-time days. We can't have too many though if there isn't enough for them to do. David is still taking acceptable applications. The youngest current member is 52. David was asked would adding one more full-time position be better than all part-time. David replied that one more full time might cost a current part time person. We used to run with two or three people, we now run three every day. Any three are capable of running it. Norman suggested some young person who is environmentally conscious interested in going into the trades might be good. Is there any value in going to a school of technology?

David doesn't really have any advice, a number of years ago he made some calls. There are all different scenarios – apples and donuts. He has been also called by other station managers. David goes to other stations too and stays in touch with them.

Bag Sales through member Towns –

A suggestion was made to have towns pay for bags as they pick them up.

Peter – Appleton is fine either way.

Sara asked in Washington, and they would rather keep it the same.

Liberty – Gail reported on what Henry told her and he hadn't approached the whole Board of Selectmen The Treasurer is fine either way but noted that towns would have to do their own inventory instead of reporting to TCSWMO.

Somerville – Don reported that Somerville felt it should not be changed.

Union ~ wouldn't sell bags if we switched the process.

Gail will ask the auditor about the bag audit and where he notes it in the annual report.

Google Record keeping – at the next meeting we will go over this with Ali. She did set it up for the compensation committee.

Peter announced that his house is on the market, and he will be leaving the area. We will need to replace the Treasurer.

The Third Quarter financial reports were emailed to Board members last week and mailed to those without

email. The October Warrant was handed out at the meeting and will be mailed to those not there. The next meeting in January is to discuss the preliminary budget which is voted on in late January.

OTHER:

The Preliminary Budget Meeting is on January 5th in Appleton.

The Final Budget Meeting is January 26th in Liberty.

Dana Philippi made a motion and Peter Beckett seconded to adjourn the regular meeting 8:27 pm.

Submitted by Gail Philippi, Administrative Assistant