

Kingfield/New Portland Transfer Station Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 15, 2025; 6:00pm; 38 School Street; Webster Hall; Kingfield

Attendance:

Municipal Officers: Ray Poulin, Janet White, Morgan Dunham, David Veilleux, Wade Browne, Chris Rushton, and Bob Carlton

Municipal Staff: David Taylor, Leanna Targett

Public: Terry Coffin, Barbara Wiencek, Tom Wiencek, Michael Kankainen, Mike Allen, John Lindner, Rosemary Underwood-Nadeau, Audrey Tague, Olive Dulap, John Goldfrank, Rodney Dunham, Judy Bemis, Bill Gilmore, Henry Williams, Sandra Musie, Peter Ford, Harold Gayne, Rob Woodhouse, Jeffrey Maget, Robin Konieczko, Donna Gardiner, Neal Tranten, Polly MacMichael, Rob MacMichael, Doug Vara

Via Zoom: None

Absent: Kim Jordan

Chairman Dunham calls the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Ray Poulin makes a motion to recess meeting to open Public Hearing on proposed changes.
Seconded by Dave Veilleux.

John Goldfrank states that he is worried about many people and the burn pile. He asks, do we want to see burn piles in front yards?. What is it going to cost to run the transfer station so that it runs efficiently? People will struggle to get rid of debris. He says, I understand that we got shut down from a recent inspection and wonders how many months we have know about the changes. John asks the board to consider burning brush only.

Sandra Muise says that if money is a big issue that people need to pay a user fee to maintain the services we have and maybe to expand the area.

Harold Gayne says people pay fees already. If you do not accept demo it will end up on the sides of the road. He suggests changing the burn to burning brush only. He says Anson does not charge for bulky waste, and to charge 40-50 dollars for a mattress is ridiculous. Years of neglect is the reason why were are here. Dave cost us \$40,000.00 additional and he is still employed.

Bill Gilmore says thank you to Dave and the board, he says I commend you one thousand times over for what has been done at the transfer station. He agrees with the brush only for burning, and the new stickers. He asks if the board has considered putting cameras up. He says we are all guilty of cheating if we can get away with it. Just to shut it down because of the past is unacceptable, he tells the board to put their heads together to figure something out.

Olive Dulap asks how someone would dealing with tearing down a building – how it would be disposed. Janet White says even if we reopen the burn pile we are never going back to that.

Rob Woodhouse tells the board to push back with DEP or look at spreading it.

Mike Allen states that he has seven customers in Salem that he collects regular garbage for and he wonders why there is a difference between him hauling and them hauling it themselves. Janet White says she is sorry that he gets caught up in the new rules.

Polly MacMichael says she really appreciates Dave. She says we used to have issues with the bigger trucks placing the wrong stuff in the recycling bin and feels that we need to look at lessening the

amount of garbage we produce, we need to recycle everything. She says that she produces three bags of garbage per week with her business. Polly says we appreciate the compost pile. Janet White notes that we should look at doing the comp post bin sales again. Polly says there should be a solution to bring something such as 1-2 pieces of siding without a cost.

Neal Tranten says when he has a fee to dump he passes that onto the customer that he is doing work for. Neal suggests looking into a chipper or grinder for brush.

Donna Gardiner states that there needs to be two people working at the Transfer Station.

Bob Carleton says our society is a disposable society. We're drowning in plastic and cardboard. Everybody is up against it.

Dave Veilleux says it is up to us to find solutions.

Wade Browne says the demo container should be paid for just by the town. People should pay for what they throw. It would lower or eliminate our demo bill.

Neal Tranten suggests looking into a scale.

Janet White says a lot of people use the transfer station but not the bulky waste, the person using it should pay for it. This is a financial issue.

Following further discussion, a motion is made to close public hearing and return to the board meeting by Bob Carleton. Seconded by Dave Veilleux. All in favor. The board resumes the Transfer Station board meeting.

The Board review previous meeting minutes. Janet White moves to accept as presented. Seconded by Dave Veilleux. All in Favor.

The next item of business is to further discussion on changes, decide upon any changes necessary following public hearing and to make motion(s) for changes with an effective date.

Janet White says she feels we need to accept brush and suggest we get back in touch with DEP.

Janet says she agrees that the prices provided tonight are way too high for demo and feels that it needs more discussion. The board looks at another option labeled option #3 provided by Leanna Targett to consider. The board likes the concept more than what was presented in the public hearing. Dave Veilleux suggests taking it further to define the cost by truck bed size.

Following further discussion Wade Browne makes a motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant 1 MRSA 405(6) A Personnel Matters – Discussion with Transfer Station Manager. Seconded by Dave Veilleux. All in Favor.

An executive session will be held June 12, 2025 at 6:00pm for personnel matters.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Janet White. Seconded by Bob Carleton. All in favor.

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