

BRANDON SELECT BOARD SPECIAL MEETING AUGUST 20, 2019

NOTE: These are unapproved minutes, subject to amendment and/or approval at the subsequent board meeting.

Board members in Attendance: Seth Hopkins, Brian Coolidge, Tim Guiles, Tracy Wyman, Doug Bailey

Others in Attendance: Dave Atherton

1. Call to Order

a) Agenda Adoption – Motion by Doug Baily / Brian Coolidge to adopt the agenda. The Motion passed unanimously.

2. The Brandon Transfer Station discussion

The board spent about 25 minutes talking about the future of the Brandon Transfer station. Tim Guiles said that all communities are working hard to adjust to turbulent recycling markets. He went on to fully describe the negotiations with Earth, Waste, and Metal (run by Stephanie and Kevin Elnicki). The emails are public record and available for public inspection. Tim described how the Elnicki's were feeling pinched by the growing cost of recycling. He further explained how the board had come to understand that the town of Brandon needs to be ready to absorb some of the cost of recycling if we are going to meet the recycling goals set forth by the state of Vermont.

After reviewing the emails, the board unanimously agreed that EW&M had decided to terminate their operations at the Brandon transfer station at the end of August.

Dave Atherton described his efforts to find an alternative operator to run the transfer station. One of our local haulers, Denton and Sons, is too busy to take on the task. Tracy Wyman showed an interest in running the transfer station under the last negotiated position from the Elnicki negotiations.

The board understands that the decision to make contracts with service providers to the town of Brandon is entirely the responsibility of the town manager, Dave Atherton. However, the board showed support for Dave's decision to pursue the approach of having Tracy Wyman take over the running of the transfer station in September 2019.

The board suggested that Tim Guiles reach out to our local newspaper reporters (Russell Jones and Keith Whitcomb) to inform them of this upcoming transition. The board also suggested that Tim Guiles reach out to Stephanie Elnicki to thank them for their service to the town. In addition, Tim Guiles has been authorized to offer the return of their last 2 rent checks (\$1400) as a way of easing the transition as we move into September.

3. Executive Session

at 7:21 a motion was made by Doug Bailey and seconded by Tracy Wyman to enter executive session pursuant to VSA 313 A3 to discuss personell issues. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Adjournment

At 8:19 the board came out of executive session with no action required.

At 8:20, a motion was made to adjourn by Brian Coolidge and seconded by Tracy Wyman. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Guiles
Brandon Selectboard Clerk