

## Task Force on Recycling

### Minutes

April 30, 2018 at 4 pm.

Attending: Ted Koffman, Arnold Lundquist, Mike Handwerk, Bob Rechholtz, Steve Coston, Staff- Chip Reeves, Cornell Knight, Ron Graves. Joe Cough.

The Town Council asked the Task Force to study the cost of weigh scale installation and institute fees from commercial haulers to be revenue neutral. Chip reviewed the cost of scales (\$79,485), disposal costs and dumpster rental fees with a \$95 tip fee. There was discussion about direct hauling to SW Harbor and avoid the scale installation. The tipping fee is higher in SW plus transportation. The commercial hauling estimate is 2500 tons per year, at \$95 per ton would raise \$237,500 in revenue. The town manager was asked to calculate the property tax savings from the additional revenue, for the next meeting.

Chip explained that because the market is so poor for recycled materials, the cost of single sort recycling is \$125 per ton. Once Fiberight is operating they will initially not charge for recyclables to get the plant running and then charge \$30/ton. The roll offs are averaging 5 tons per load to Old Town where it is loaded onto larger trailers and processed at Casella's Lewiston recycling facility.

Chip said the construction schedule for the new transfer station building is to be completed by the first week of June.

The Task Force unanimously approved the minutes of 12/11/17, 9/27/17 and 2/27/17.

Next meeting is June 4 at 4 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 pm