

TOWN OF HEBRON
INFORMATIONAL MEETING
MAY 6, 2010

PRESENT: John Matthews, John Dunklee, Curtis Mooney, and Administrative Assistant, Karen Corliss

7:00 P.M. **HEBRON-BRIDGEWATER REFUSE FACILITY – INFORMATIONAL MEETING:**

Chairman Matthews opened the informational meeting at 7:00 p.m. Chairman Matthews informed the audience that the handout received by many as they entered the building was not produced by the Hebron Selectmen nor was there any input from the Hebron Selectmen. Chairman Matthews made a power point presentation to the audience outlining the composition of the Hebron-Bridgewater Refuse District, how the budget is determined for the district, duties performed by the commissioners, problems with the current situation (including financial), outstanding violations, a comparison chart of what towns north of Hebron pay to dispose of waste, and possible solutions to the problem. Selectman Mooney elaborated on the outstanding violations with the State of NH Department of Environmental Services. Don Franklin, Town Auditor, summarized the results and findings of the audit of the facility for fiscal year ending December 31, 2008 that was performed by Plodzik and Sanderson (auditing firm). Chairman Matthews noted the discrepancies between the audit report and the Profit and Loss Report of the facility as reported in the Town of Bridgewater 2008 Annual Report. Selectman Dunklee informed the audience that he was part of the Operator-Manager Committee and noted the inefficiencies with the operations of the incinerator.

Chairman Matthews opened the floor to comments and questions regarding the power point presentation.

Comments:

- The Hebron Selectmen and the Bridgewater Selectmen need to stop butting heads and work together to find a solution to their differences.
- The Hebron Selectmen should take into consideration the impact to the Bridgewater residents if Hebron withdraws from the district.
- The Hebron Selectmen should contact legal counsel to find out Hebron's financial responsibilities, financial obligations to continue paying the bond on the incinerator, and avenues to pull out of the district.
- Concerns with the environmental impact by utilizing landfills vs. incinerating trash.
- Concerns with future costs to the Town of Hebron if contracting with the Town of Plymouth to utilize their facility and the length of time that Hebron could contract with Plymouth.
- Location to set up transfer station in Hebron for the residents and costs associated with operating the facility.
- Residents suggested taking legal action in order to obtain more control over the financials and daily operations of the Hebron-Bridgewater Refuse Facility.
- The residents are very concerned that the bill for the Hebron-Bridgewater Refuse District is split in half even with the significant difference in population.
- Concerns with the audit discrepancies – recommend going to the State of NH Attorney General's Office.
- The residents are concerned with recent disagreements among the commissioners when the facility has been operating since 1976 with no other issues.
- A previous Selectman, Dick Cowern, pointed out past discrepancies amongst the commissioners by not being included in all of the decision making, financial concerns and the comingling of the funds between the Town of Bridgewater and the Hebron-Bridgewater Refuse District.

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- The summer residents need to be considered before withdrawing from the facility
 - Even though the trash is being incinerated, the ash still ends up in the landfills.
- The Selectmen thanked the residents and Bridgewater residents for coming to the informational meeting.

8:28 P.M. **MEETING ADJOURNED:** Chairman Matthews closed the informational meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Corliss
Administrative Assistant

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