

MINUTES SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE TOWN MT DESERT

Meeting of January 9, 2014

Attending: Chairman Lichtenstein, Rod Crafts by telephone, John Macauley, Sidney Rockefeller, Gordon Beck, Dennis Shubert and guest Director of Public Works, Tony Smith

Minutes of prior meeting had been previously approved.

The meeting convened at 16:30 in the Town meeting room.

The Chairman had previously added the issue of solid waste to the agenda, as the LED relamping proposal was not available for discussion.

Committee members had been provided with electronic copies of the solid waste ordinances of Ellsworth and the consortium of the Towns of Camden, Rockport, Lincolnville and Hope.

Mr. Lichtenstein started the meeting by providing an overview of the history of solid waste disposal and recycling in the Town.

Mr. Smith discussed his perspective on the topic as well as his desires for the goals of a solid waste ordinance. Mr. Smith also outlined the present effort to provide video surveillance and signage for the present resident dumpsters at the Town garage.

The group reached consensus that the proposed ordinance should address the issues of:

- Flow control of solid waste so that solid waste originating in the Town should be credited to the Town's guaranteed annual tonnage (GAT) to PERC.
- Disposal by non residents
- Abuse by residents consisting of disposal of solid waste that should have been disposed of at EMR using the residents allotment
- Abuse by employees of residents using town dumpsters to avoid the appropriate trip to EMR
- Clarify the rules of appropriate disposal to allow enforcement of inappropriate disposal
- Provide for fair enforcement

The committee agreed to further review the sample ordinances for the next meeting, that is scheduled for January 23, 16:30.

Meeting adjourned at 15:30.

