

Pending Approval

Town of Lincoln, Vermont
Special Meeting of the Lincoln Selectboard
To discuss safety and possible closure of the Lincoln Transfer Station
During the Corona Virus Emergency
Held via GoToMeeting due to Covid-19
March 26, 2020 6:00 p.m.

Attending: Selectboard Chair, Bill Finger; Vice-Chair, Paul Forlenza; members Bay Jackson, Will Sipsey and Oakley Smith; Selectboard Ass't/Bookkeeper, Ann Moreau-Kensek

Guests: Randy Orvis of Moose Rubbish and Recycling and Sarah Summers, Selectboard Clerk candidate

Bill called the meeting to order at 6:15 and gave some background information on why the meeting was scheduled.

Bill reported he'd received an email from a resident who was concerned over hygiene at the Transfer Station, both with employee conduct and multiple people handling recycling bins, handling cash, etc. He forwarded the email to Randy Orvis, owner of Moose Rubbish and Recycling, who replied with some ideas to increase safety of his employees and residents of the Town.

Some of Randy's ideas included having a table where there would be hand sanitizer, having a jar or bucket where people could drop the right change or a check, and having people bring up their own recycling.

Previous to the meeting, Bill called the Health Department for guidelines. They told him it is important for people to use social distancing and that Waste Management facilities are considered essential- but they have some obligation to keep it safe.

Bill asked Randy if it is feasible to do curbside pickup. Randy said no- it would present a big burden.

There was discussion on social distancing and residents bringing their own hand sanitizer as Randy should not have to supply it for everyone who goes to the Transfer Station.

Paul brought up three points toward being practical minded.

- Keep the Transfer Station open;
- do some safety measures;
- and encourage safe behavior by residents.

Randy spoke briefly about his employees and then talked about ideas to keep everyone safe.

- Residents could dump their own containers or can leave bags of recycling on the ground in a designated area and his crew can pick them up after close.

- He will talk with employees about hygiene and personal conduct.
- He can use a metal table and put a bucket there for people to deposit their payments. Monkton does it this way.
- If people request help putting recycling in the trailer he can help, and if they want to do it themselves, they can.

Bill thanked Randy and asked the Selectboard if they had any ideas.

Oakley said the Town needs to keep the Transfer Station open, implement rules and have them on signs. A system needs to be put in place, and we need to make sure people know what to do.

Bill said the Town could also let people know what to do on Front Porch Forum and in a Town email. Randy shouldn't have to supply hand sanitizer for the whole town, just for his employees. Bill noted he wasn't sure how to monitor for safety, and how the Town would deal with those who don't abide by the rules.

Bay agreed that the Town needs to notify folks on Front Porch Forum and the Town email list, etc., but suggested the Selectboard have someone there on Saturday. We need to get signage and information out as soon as possible. Even if someone has gloves on, they still can't touch their face, because of everything they touched with the gloves. It also makes sense to have people drop their own stuff off.

Bill asked Will for his opinion and then updated him on the reason for the meeting as Will arrived a few minutes late.

Will noted there is a risk at the grocery store and everywhere. It's a good idea to drop off stuff and ask people to have the right change.

Bay noted that when the recycling bin gets full and needs to get punched down, people can just be asked to wait. A lot of people want to leave their bags and that encourages social distancing. The signs won't be ready for this Saturday, but it is a good idea to have something up there this week anyway.

Bill noted that Paul suggested the Town make a \$100 donation to Front Porch Forum to support them as their volume has increased due to Covid-19. He also said that Ann will be launching the first Town email via Constant Contact tomorrow and will include the notice from Middlebury's Emergency Manager, from whom he got permission for Lincoln to reprint.

Paul moved to give a contribution of \$100 to Front Porch Forum to show support for them since they support the community. Will seconded and called for discussion. He wanted to amend the amount from \$100 to \$500. Bill asked for a second on the amendment to allow for discussion. Oakley seconded. Brief discussion. Paul offered a friendly amendment reducing the amount to \$250 and asked if the person who seconded the amendment was okay with that. Oakley affirmed he was.

Bill said he thought it was a good idea if we can come back to this and do a little at a time. Paul looked at the budget to see what account the money would come from. Brief discussion with

Ann on the various accounts. Bay said she is eager to see what the Town can do with Constant Contact email newsletter.

Paul and Bay talked about making a sign and getting it to Kimball's. Bay has the capacity on her computer to do a good job, as she does design for a living.

Bill brought the board back to the motion to send \$250 to Front Porch Forum to support them. Vote called and passed.

Bill told the board they also needed to vote to pass the original motion. Vote called and passed. Ann asked Bill to write up something for the Town newsletter.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.