

MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES - APPROVED

Wednesday, June 21, 2023

Held at City Hall – Blue Room

George Dzujna called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

Members Present: Councilor George Dzujna (Chair); Councilor Ted Starkweather; Councilor Bob Desrochers; Mayor Jo Brown; MSD Director Justin Hanscom

George thanked all the members for attending this meeting.

- I. Approval of February 22, 2023 MSD Committee minutes. Bob did not attend the February meeting, therefore, he abstained from approving the minutes. Ted made a motion to approve the minutes of the February MSD Committee meeting. George 2nd. Motion carried.

- II. Transfer Station Operations.

Justin stated that he is willing to consider turning the operation of the Transfer Station over to a private company. Concord has already done this. In doing this, it would help the City with staffing, equipment wear and tear, money, etc. George added that the biggest problem is staffing. Bob stated the plan is to keep the existing staff from the Transfer Station, therefore, there is no savings on staffing costs. Bob is concerned that the tax payers will keep having to pay more money to make this change. Justin stated that this proposed change would be no fee to tax payers. Bob asked if Justin could send out information to the public via the water bills. Justin said this would be possible. George stated that we have to know if “someone” is willing to take this over before we do anything. George also asked how this would affect the original City trash pick-up? George then stated that a lot of research will need to be done before moving forward.

George asked for discussion on the recent Transfer Station Scale repair work. Justin informed him of what had been done.

George asked Justin how much staff he felt would be needed at the Transfer Station? Justin answered that it would be that more staff would be helpful and keep us from pulling from other departments to fill in.

George then asked Justin if the land the Co-op. uses at the Transfer Station site was permanently going to belong to the Co-op? The ash fill portion is part of the Co-op and we own the back portion off of Industrial Dr

George then stated that he wanted to move on to Other Business.

III. Other Business

- A. Justin explained how far we are on the South Main Street project.
- B. George asked about the Bow Street project.
- C. George mentioned “signage”. He stated that there are no posted “No Trespassing” signs under or on Trestleview Bridge. The City needs to get signs put up asap, so we can talk to the Police Department about enforcement.
- D. Jo asked about future parking areas. We will also need signs to be put up to assist the public with locating the parking areas.
- E. Bob mentioned that we need bigger signs for all existing parks in Franklin, also.
- F. George suggested putting a “map” of Franklin points of interest at Marceau Park on the kiosk.
- G. George mentioned that the kiosk strobe light is blinking. He wanted to know if this was the street light issue? Justin answered No – the traffic cameras are the problem with the lights.
- H. Bob mentioned that the street light at Trestleview Park and one just down the street are both not working.
- I. George asked if there was any Other Business? Ted mentioned the Sulphite/ upside down bridge was falling apart and could end up in the river. Should we have signage to keep people off there like the Trestle.

George made motion to adjourn. Motion seconded and carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.