

**Town of Effingham  
Board of Selectmen  
INFORMATIONAL PUBLIC MEETING FOR TRANSFER STATION FEES**

Selectmen present: Henry Spencer  
Leonard Espie  
John Meisner

Minutes transcribed by: Christine Holbrook

At 5:00 pm the board met for an informational public session to discuss pending changes in transfer station fees for yearly stickers and white goods.

Selectman Spencer began by explaining current procedures and fees pertaining to the transfer station. Residents were given a comparison sheet with what other towns are charging and a sheet explaining current charges and possible future rates in which Selectman Espie reviewed. Selectman Meisner explained the white goods disposal procedure and costs to town.

**RESIDENT QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS WITH SELECTMEN**

Could the town consider charging for freon items and less for other white goods?

- Selectman Meisner responded a flat fee of 20.00 is easier bookkeeping for transfer station personnel.

Resident commented on TS has hit a point where managing money coming in may need better accounting for.

Resident had concern of town not knowing the money coming in. The TS should be self sufficient.

- Selectman Meisner referred her to the Town Budget Report
- Selectman Spencer reminded everyone we are trying to set fees not to revamp TS system at this time.
- Selectman Meisner stated the NRRA(our co op) suggested the 20.00 per item fee, He said that he visited other Ts in area and some give receipts.
- Selectman Spencer agreed more money coming in needs better accountability.

Resident stated 20.00 for a microwave is excessive. Also better tracking is needed of items being disposed of.

Resident commented on how TS may be getting other items from other towns and 15.00 fee for freon would be acceptable.

- Selectman Meisner stated how fees are added to bills by NCR(our recycler) when they bring in a bobcat for moving large items. Selectman Spencer added labor costs are added to regular fees from hauler. Selectman Meisner added anyone can actually bring white goods to North Country for recycling and be paid a small amount by weight.

A resident reported that the cost figure was off by 80.00. also that 20.00 for a microwave was too high. What is considered a white good?

Resident inquired on where is this extra money going?

- Selectman responded The money goes into general fund.

- Selectman Spencer explained how general fund offsets taxes.

Resident commented they agree with increase but wants to see money used wisely.

- Cheryle stated whenever Waste Management comes for a pick up it costs \$5000.00-7000.00 a month to take away.
- Selectman Spencer stated this change is more to control the amount of flow coming into the transfer station. By changing rates it may discourage nonresidents.

Resident suggested a rate schedule posted at Transfer Station so people would know costs.

- Selectman Spencer acknowledged comment.

Resident stated a permit fee cannot exceed the regulatory costs.

- Selectman Spencer stated they were going by other town fees.

Resident suggested a 5.00 sticker.

Resident commented their taxes pay for services, what about extra cars in one family, do all cars need a sticker? How about a universal sticker for a family.

- Selectman Meisner responded when you have more than one car the state requires each car be registered, the same applies to a dump sticker. Or just select one car to use for trips.
- Selectman Spencer added your sticker is proof of residency and the process to obtain that sticker will not change.

Resident stated just to raise price of sticker.

Resident stated other towns have services so this town should keep TS affordable.

Resident commented the town spends \$137,000 a year in operating the TS.

Resident commented on how much construction debris was going into TS and Effingham charges nothing for this service.

- Selectman Meisner responded that it wouldn't be fair to TS personnel to have to make decisions on what to charge for items coming in . There should be no commercial disposal allowed. Residents should have a dumpster at their home for debris.

Resident suggested charging by weight on a drive on scale.

- Selectman Spencer stated that a scale would be very expensive.

He then explained how the state determines tax rates with any extra income generated.

Adjourned at 6:07 with a 5 minute recess

Recommenced at 6:15 to hear resident concern about Townhouse Rd and Corner Rd.

Selectman Spencer asked resident to put in writing in the event she cannot attend next meeting

The situation will be addressed at next Selectmen's meeting.

Adjourned 6:20 all in favor.

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Henry Spencer

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Leonard Espie

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John Meisner

