



45 **ELECTION OF SECRETARY:**  
46 Motion by Member McGee to elect Member Colleen Mailloux as Secretary, second by Member  
47 Benson  
48 **Member Cindy Kenerson - Yes**  
49 **Member Nicole McGee - Yes**  
50 **Member Colleen Mailloux - Yes**  
51 **Member Cathy Stacey - Yes**  
52 **Member Geoff Benson - Yes**  
53 **Member Wayne Amaral - Yes**  
54 **Member James Pacheco - Yes**  
55 **Member Dave Cantor - Yes**  
56 **Member Joe Devine - Yes**  
57 **The motion passed 9-0-0**  
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59 **DETERMINE VOTING MEMBERS:**

60 Member Devine appointed voting members as follows:

61 **Member Nicole McGee**  
62 **Member Cathy Stacey**  
63 **Member Geoff Benson**  
64 **Member Wayne Amaral**  
65 **Member James Pacheco**  
66 **Member Dave Cantor**  
67 **Member Joe Devine**  
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69 **COMMITTEE VOTING MEMBERS ALTERNATES:**

70 Member Cindy Kenerson is the alternate for Member Nicole McGee  
71 Member Colleen Mailloux is the alternate for Member Joe Devine  
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73 **TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:**

74 **COMMITTEE PURPOSE:**

75 Member Mailloux opened the discussion by suggesting ways to make the transfer station  
76 more user-friendly and emphasized the importance of reviewing suggestions for improvement.  
77 Member Benson focused on operational improvements, highlighting the value of the committee's  
78 diverse experiences. He addressed public concerns and committed to bringing forward actionable  
79 recommendations. Member Amaral provided a recap of Member Benson's review of the station's  
80 operations and existing regulations. Member Cantor pointed out that the station still only has nine  
81 parking spaces. This led to a broader discussion about how to move improvements forward more  
82 efficiently—possibly by taking smaller steps and creating more opportunities for public input.  
83 Member McGee reminded the committee that the Waste Management contract is set to expire in  
84 2026 and suggested it may be wise to begin discussions earlier than planned. Member Stacey  
85 brought up a concern regarding an associate who has allegedly been sleeping at the station, while  
86 Member Devine reviewed current contracts and explained the bidding process. There was a brief  
87 discussion about forming a subcommittee, as suggested by Member Amaral, but Member Stacey  
88 expressed that she did not see a need for one at this time. Member Mailloux questioned whether  
89 the committee's role is temporary or if it is intended to continue an ongoing basis. Member Benson

90 responded by stating that the committee should remain active, not just to resolve immediate  
91 issues but to support continuous improvement. All members agreed that the station's current  
92 hours appear to be working well, with few complaints received. Member Stacey added that it is  
93 rare for users to have to wait in line. The topic concluded with action items assigned, including  
94 further exploration of user experience improvements, operational enhancements, and a plan to  
95 revisit the waste management contract timeline in future meetings.

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97 **GOALS OF THE COMMITTEE:**

98 During the meeting, Member Stacey noted that as issues arise and state regulations are  
99 reviewed, they should be addressed proactively. Member Cantor discussed the challenges posed  
100 by space constraints, especially when considering additions and the rising cost of contractors.  
101 Member Cantor shared his past experience working at the transfer station and explained the  
102 existing agreements with LL&S. Member Cantor also referenced Windham's operations, which  
103 are funded by user fees, and mentioned that Derry accepts construction and demolition (C&D)  
104 debris at a relatively low cost. Member Amaral questioned whether current fees should be  
105 reviewed, and Member Stacey agreed that this would be worth looking into. The group collectively  
106 emphasized the importance of continually identifying opportunities for improvement and  
107 addressing issues as they come up. Member McGee brought up concerns about the garage  
108 doors, noting that only one is currently operational. She also reported ongoing rodent issues.  
109 Member Pacheco responded by stating that pest control has been involved, but the persistent  
110 trash accumulation makes it difficult to manage the problem. Rodents are causing damage by  
111 nesting in the affected areas. Member McGee also reported that the trailer on-site has sustained  
112 damage, and while temporary fixes have been made, nothing permanent has been done yet.  
113 Member Pacheco added that a full evaluation of the trailer should be considered in the coming  
114 years to address these ongoing issues. Member Cantor suggested that the vocational program  
115 (VOC) could help by being involved in the building of a more sustainable building recommending  
116 that the existing bathroom be retained. The committee agreed this was a very good idea. Member  
117 Pacheco addressed the water system, stating that it was initially meant to be a temporary setup  
118 but has remained in place for many years. He recommended moving the water tank currently  
119 sitting on a section that requires repair to allow for necessary maintenance to take place.

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121 **CHARTER DISCUSSION:**

122 Member McGee stated that a Charter should be drafted, especially as more community  
123 members begin to get involved. Member Mailloux volunteered to take the lead on drafting the  
124 Charter. Member Amaral asked whether the purpose of the committee would be included in the  
125 document, and it was confirmed that it would be.

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127 **OPEN DISCUSSION FROM PUBLIC:**

128 Council member Jeff Hatch expressed concerns about past issues at the transfer station,  
129 particularly related to the improper disposal of oil and fuel, which led to contamination and high  
130 cleanup costs. He stated his opposition to bringing back the acceptance of oil and fuel for disposal.  
131 He compared the Town of Derry being self-sufficient and suggested the town consider following  
132 suit by accepting some construction and demolition (C&D) debris from residents. He noted that  
133 the City of Methuen allows only residents—not contractors—to dispose of such materials, which  
134 could be a model to explore. Council Member Hatch also shared his personal experience using

135 the LL&S facility, describing it as not resident-friendly. He emphasized the need for additional town  
136 employees at the transfer station to enforce proper disposal practices, such as separating trash  
137 and recyclables appropriately. He suggested that the person stationed in the trailer should be  
138 given the authority to manage the site more effectively, including the ability to remove individuals  
139 who do not follow the rules. Council Member Hatch also raised safety concerns about individuals  
140 picking through the metal pile, warning that someone could get injured. A broader discussion  
141 followed between Member Cantor, Member Benson and Council Member Hatch regarding these  
142 operational challenges and possible solutions. Member Mailloux emphasized the importance of  
143 public education and outreach, suggesting that clear information should be distributed through  
144 social media. Member Pacheco recommended updating signage at the site to clearly indicate  
145 what materials are accepted. Member Devine mentioned a company that offers free signage  
146 specifically for recycling, which could support these efforts.  
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148 Resident Roland Giguere raised a concern regarding ash disposal, referencing that a  
149 decision should be made soon as the ash season is coming with pellet and wood stoves coming  
150 into use. He expressed the view that if ash disposal is going to be allowed, it should be done  
151 decisively. Member Benson responded by reviewing previous plans of ash dumping – dumping  
152 ash on wood chips and not brush but stated it was not approved – as it includes testing procedures  
153 to monitor for potential contamination. A back-and-forth discussion followed between Member  
154 Benson and Resident Giguere over whether testing the ash is necessary or if the risk outweighs  
155 the benefits. The topic of reinstating the ash bin was also mentioned as part of ongoing  
156 discussions.  
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#### 158 **ACTION ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:**

159 Member Devine asked whether committee meetings should be recorded. In response,  
160 Nicole recommended not recording the meetings, stating that the public already has access to  
161 the official meeting minutes and the committee's recommendations to the town council.  
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Member Stacey inquired about getting copies of what the state says their expectations  
163 are for Best Management Practices (BMP) to which Member Pacheco stated he would work on  
164 getting those copies.  
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166 **NEXT MEETING DATE:** September 8<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00PM  
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168 **Motion** by Member McGee to adjourn, second by Member Mailloux  
169 **Member Cindy Kenerson - Yes**  
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178 **The motion passed 9-0-0**  
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180 Notes/minutes taken by: Lisa Perry  
181 Approved: Transfer Station Safety Committee  
182 Date: September 8, 2025