

**Bartlett Jackson Transfer Station  
Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, October 31, 2023  
Minutes**

**Committee members present:** Chairman Gene Chandler, Selectman Vicki Garland, Selectman Ron Munro, Chairman Barbara Campbell, Selectman Frank DiFruscio, Manager Bob Blake  
Absent: Selectman Bob Thompson

**Attendees:** Barbara Steele, Jeff Maynard, Hank Dresch, Kevin Bennett, Leslie Schomaker, Brice Stelle and Mary Jo Anderson

**1. The Meeting was called to order**

**2. For Discussion and/or Motions:**

a. Financials

Gene Chandler reviewed the financial report.

b. Dump Store

Bob Blake, Transfer Station Manager, explained the problems that he and his staff are having with the dump store and why he had to close it. Bob said that people leave things in the dump store that they should be charged for, such as used toilets and televisions. They get cases of old food. People have left guns and pistols in the store and those should not be available for others to grab. There are a lot of items being left that no one wants.

Gene Chandler said that the store is now costing the towns money.

Ron Munro agreed that the store should not be costing the town money, and the staff should not have to monitor or babysit the people who are dropping things off at the store.

Barbara Campbell spoke about the idea of volunteers helping to oversee the store, and monitor and manage what is dropped off. Bob said it would have to be manned for all hours that the transfer station is open.

Bob Suggested that if there was another location using an open space rather than an enclosed container for a store, where everyone could see what was being dropped off, that could be a possibility.

There was discussion on the potential dangers that volunteers could be exposed to.

There were members of the public who gave their thoughts on the store. They mentioned that volunteers might be a good idea.

It was said that even if the hours of the store were reduced, the issues of what people drop off is still there.

Barbara suggested a community Bartlett/ Jackson thrift shop day, similar to a garage sale as another option to the dump store.

Another public comment mentioned maybe relocating the store to another location, away from the Transfer Station and have it open for limited hours. Barbara Campbell said liability for this could be an issue. Bob mentioned that the store generates a lot of trash that would have to be dealt with, even if it were in another location.

Frank asked if there is anything of value that gets dropped off. Bob said that there is very little that people take. People bring dishes and kitchen items, but no one takes them and they have to get thrown away.

Another public comment suggested relocating the store at the TS, but in a more visible location.

Vicki mentioned that volunteers would have to get background checks, as almost all volunteers do these days.

There was a list drafted of all of the locations in the Valley that will take donations, such as churches and and the weigh station to name a few. This information should get out to the public, so they know that there are other locations to donate things.

Another public comment suggested to hire an armed employee (carry a gun without bullets) to guard the store.

Barbara suggested that anyone interested in volunteering should submit a proposal for review. The committee would like to reconvene in approximately 30 days to review anything that is submitted. The store will remain closed until then.

Leslie suggested using e-news as a tool to help residents learn the rules at the Transfer Station.

Barbara will look into volunteers and liability.

No one wants to add more work to any employee at the already short staffed Transfer Station.

### 2024 Budget

Gene Chandler asked Bob if he knew of any expenses that need to be discussed for the 2024 budget. Bob discussed a few potential items, and he will get costs.

The Transfer Station is still looking to hire weekend employees

### **6. The meeting was adjourned.**

Respectfully Submitted by:  
Erik Atwell

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