



# Warner Board of Selectmen

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, May 5, 2011**  
**APPROVED**

Chairman Carson opened the meeting at 1:02 p.m.

In Attendance: Selectman Clyde Carson – Chairman, David Karrick, Jr. – Selectman, David E. Hartman – Selectman, Laura Buono – Town Administrator

Others present: Jim Presher – Concord Regional Co-op, Varick Proper – Transfer Station Foreman

## **1. Concord Regional Co-op – Curb-Side Collection**

Jim Presher from the Concord Regional Co-op said that the tonnage being delivered to the Co-op as a whole for the last six-years has been going down. He said out of the 25 towns there are four towns that do not have a Flow Control Ordinance, Warner being one of them. A Flow Control Ordinance spells out where the Town's waste must be delivered, for example, to the Transfer Station and then to a waste energy facility. He said that several towns have changed to pay as you throw; the largest is the City of Concord and others have changed to single-stream or curb side pick-up, all have lowered the tonnage going to the Co-op.

Mr. Presher said on the average people are paying between \$200 & \$800 per ton for trash pick up at their home (dumpster rentals). Selectman Hartman said the cost per ton for people taking their trash to the Transfer Station at 1.5 tons per household is approximately \$140 per ton. Mr. Presher said a Warner taxpayer is paying about .67¢ per thousand for operation of the Transfer Station. He said a Warner homeowner is now paying approximately \$100 per year in their tax rate for trash disposal and the operation of the Transfer Station; a homeowner could enjoy curb side pick-up on a weekly basis for an additional \$48.50 per year for a \$150K home. Mr. Presher provided this information for curb side collection for the Town to consider. Selectman Karrick asked why then would you operate a Transfer Station if there is curb-side collection. Mr. Presher said the Town will always have a Transfer Station because there will be waste oil, electronics, metal etc.; the operation would be reduced. Selectman Karrick feels curb-side collection is a step backwards in terms of recycling. Mr. Presher said towns that have changed to pay-as-you-throw have experienced an increase in recycling.

Varick Proper asked with other rural communities that have curb-side collection what are their experiences, for example, animals and windy days. Mr. Presher said in those communities you will see small structures that secure the thrash. He also said in denser communities it has been found that curb side is more efficient than in rural situations.

Selectman Hartman said he is not surprised that some people are willing to pay for curb-side collection but he feels there is a majority who are not willing. At this time there are about 200 homeowner dumpsters in Town.

Chairman Carson asked if the Towns that have a Flow Control Ordinance have successful recycling requirements for the haulers. Mr. Presher said that would need a separate ordinance; the Flow Control Ordinance is specifically for directing where the municipal solid waste will go. Selectman Hartman said he keeps thinking that a Flow Control Ordinance is something the Board of Selectmen should be considering.

Selectman Karrick asked Mr. Presher what will happen with the Co-op if the tonnage is being reduced year after year. Mr. Presher said a time may come were it does not make sense for the communities to stay with the Co-op or the Co-op may be able to bring tonnage in from other sources.

## **2. Other Business**

Chairman Carson and Selectman Hartman will be attending a Joint Board meeting this evening in New London. Chairman Carson asked if the Board is in agreement that he can initiate discussion regarding the sharing of resources, particularly the street sweeper. Selectman Karrick is in favor of such a discussion and Selectman Hartman

feels it is reasonable to bring up the topic. Selectman Hartman also said that he was contacted by Mr. Keller in Bradford about potential regional police services. Selectman Hartman feels the Board should keep thinking about regionalization relative to the new Fire Department.

Selectman Hartman reported that representatives from Market Basket attended the Planning Board meeting with a plan to add a 200 seat restaurant and 3 other retail stores.

### **3. Adjournment**

At 2:25 p.m. a motion was made to adjourn.

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Clyde Carson - Chairman  
David Karrick, Jr.  
David E. Hartman

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Whalen  
Recording Secretary