The Dunbarton Board of Selectmen held a publicly noticed meeting for a site walk of the Dunbarton Transfer Station at the above time, date and place.

The following were present:

Travis James, Selectman
Brian Pike, Selectman
Line Comeau, Town Administrator also acting as minute taker
Patrick “Woody” Bowne, Transfer Station Supervisor

At the previous meeting of August 7th, Patrick “Woody” Bowne had explained that some of the equipment at the Transfer Station would need to be replaced or would require substantial repairs and would like some of the unanticipated revenue be returned to the department or will be before the Board for warrant articles to replace some of the equipment. “Woody” requested the Board go for a site walk of the Transfer Station to get a better understanding of the condition of the equipment.

The site walk began with the inspection of the closed box containers:

“Woody” explained that the town had bought the containers used and received a grant to offset the cost of them. They were schedule to have some repairs last year but the repair budget was spent to repair the trash compactor after the fire. Now the condition of the containers will require some attention for example, there are broken wheels, and there is some substantial rust on the closed box containers. Explained that they can be patched but didn’t know how much money the town was willing to put into them.

Brian Pike asked if the town hauled the containers in their current condition.

“Woody responded yes two to three times a year depending on the container.

Brian Pike asked how long ago did the town received the containers.

“Woody” responded that we were in the third year.

There was substantial discussion of what type of repairs would have to be done to extend the life of the containers.
The inspection of the compaction boxes:

“Woody” explained that these specific containers had never been sandblasted or painted. Explained that there was recent patch work done for old rust; pointed out that there was the start of new rust beginning in different areas.

“Woody” stated that the container in the best shape had been painted but was now showing some signs of rust on the bottom of the container.

Brian Pike asked if there was a specific company that we hired to do the repairs.

“Woody” stated that we typically have a local company to do the welding, sand blasting and repairs.

Brian Pike asked what the cost was for a new container.

“Woody” stated the quotes for the closed containers run around $8,000 and the open 50yrd. run around $7,000 for new. Prices would depend to the quality of the container steel.

“Woody” said he was looking into other options for used containers through the State. Also have someone coming in to give prices to patch / repair the existing containers. Patch repairs can probably get us another two or three years at the most.

There was further discussion of all options for repairs of the existing containers vs. purchase of new containers.

The inspection of the Mac Truck:

“Woody” pointed out a few small pint points of rust down to bare metal. Stated that the truck looks good when it’s wet; sections of the cab has been painted in the past; there is currently no clear coat on the truck. There aren’t any major issues with the truck, just the paint. Feel if we don’t keep up on the paint then we won’t get the life of the equipment like we are supposed to.

There was further discussion of costs of the vehicle, meeting adjourned to return for the regular meeting at 6:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Line Comeau

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Travis James, Selectman

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Brain Pike, Selectman