



TOWN OF BROOKLYN

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BROOKLYN, CONNECTICUT 06234

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**Resource Recovery Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 30, 2017
Clifford B. Green Memorial Center**

Present: Rick Ives, Bob Kelleher, Joe Voccio, Bob Benson, Bob Lee and Melissa Bradley; recording secretary

Also Present: Lisa Fuss, David Fuss, Ken Dykstra, Fran from the Bulletin

1. **Call to Order:** Mr. Ives called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.
2. **Approve Previous Minutes:** Bob Benson made a motion to approve the previous minutes as presented. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. Bob Keller abstained, he did not attend. Motion passed.
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Presentation by Jacob Vadeboncoeur:** Jacob is a Brooklyn student and he invented a home composter for the Invention Convention. Jacob was a finalist in round 1 and is moving on to round 2. He shares his invention and explains how it works. He included a poster board with many facts on composting. The Selectmen are very proud of his work and invites him back to give an update on how he proceeds in the Invention Convention.
5. **Discussion on Financials:** No major changes. Mr. Kelleher requests the font be larger, the reports are almost unreadable.
6. **Discussion on Hours of Operation:** Hours will change starting April 7th to Fridays, 10am-5pm and Saturdays, 8am-5pm.
7. **Discussion on Fees:** When the bags were switched to the bio-degradable bags, the quantity increased and the fee should have as well. Beginning next week, bag fees will be:
13 gallon bags, quantity of 10, \$10 a box.
33 gallon bags, quantity of 5, \$10 a roll or \$2 each

Mr. Ives surveyed surrounding Towns on how they run their transfer station. Many Towns use a sticker program. Brooklyn fees seem to be the lowest around and could use an increase and still be lower or even with other Towns. Mr. Ives will get some more information from other Towns and update at the next meeting. Mr. Lee recalls when a sticker program was used and it was difficult to keep track of, you needed one attendant just to check stickers. Mr. Ives would like some ideas for the next meeting.

8. **Earth Day Update:** Earth Day is scheduled for April 29th. This was planned to not interfere with Little League opening day. It will begin a 9am at the Community Center on Tiffany Street. The Town received a grant from the Last Green Valley for \$500 to purchase supplies for the event. There will also be free bulky waste drop off that day at the transfer station. Advertisements will go out. Mr. Ives will contact Casella Waste to deliver extra containers for that day. Extra hands will be needed that day at the transfer station if anyone would like to volunteer. Mr. Voccio states he is happy to help.
9. **Hazardous Waste Day:** Mr. Ives would like board to think about a time frame and try to set a date at the next meeting. Mr. Lee offers any help he can for the event.
10. **Landfill Attendant Update:** There is insufficient power coming from the highway garage to run the compactor, there is only one line of power for both. Icing also happens under the scale which causes an issue. Because we have curbside recycling, cardboard is not recycled at the transfer station. Many people have an abundance and bring it as bulky. Lisa asks how this should be charged. Mr. Ives states to use better judgement for each situation. Lisa states small bags are almost out. Mr. Ives states 1,000 bags were purchased, they cannot be all used already. Lisa will check again for the bags.
11. **Public Comment:** None
12. **Adjourn:** Bob Lee made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bob Kelleher seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:56pm.

Respectfully Submitted;



Melissa J. Bradley
Recording Secretary

Brooklyn Transfer Station
77 Rukstela Rd.
Brooklyn, CT 06234
860-779-1105

Beginning April 7th, Hours for the transfer station are:
Friday 10:00am – 5:00pm
Saturday 8:00am – 5:00pm

Bag prices: 13 gallon bags, quantity of 10, \$10 a box.
 33 gallon bags, quantity of 5, \$10 a roll or \$2 each

Tires: Car tires off the rim - \$3
 Car tires on the rim - \$6
 Truck tires off the rim - \$7
 Truck tires on the rim - \$13

How to increase fees?

Increase bulky waste per pound?

Use sticker system?
 Household sticker and Contractors sticker?

Allow out of towners to use the sticker system or pay as they go?

Other Town's systems:

Griswold – Sticker cost \$40 a year and \$15 yard

Sterling – Sticker cost \$40 a year, \$10 for 2nd vehicle, and \$25 per pickup load

Plainfield – Non-sticker \$95 a ton w/1 ton minimum

Thompson –

Single Family Household \$85 – 2 cars
Senior Residents age 65 and older \$45
Multiple Unit Permit (per apartment or condo) \$85
Residents with a company car \$85
New Residents: \$85 Half year: \$42.50 after May 1
One-Day Pass: (plus normal disposal fees)
Per car or SUV \$5 Per pickup truck \$10

FEES

Fees cover cost to the town for removal of specific items
and are collected at the Transfer Station.

Checks preferred.

(Cash accepted. No charge cards.)

• BULKY WASTE:

There is a **TIPPING FEE** for bulky waste. The rate is \$155 per ton for loads 100 lbs. and over. The vehicle will be required to pass over the scale and a weight slip will be issued with the vehicle permit number listed. Payment must be made at time of disposal.

BULKY items under 100 lbs.

A minimum flat fee of \$6 for the following: large assortment of household junk, painted wood, clean wood (other than brush under 3" diameter), wood framed windows, sheet rock, shingles.

\$6.00 per item disposal for: Large furniture item, upholstered chair, sofa, bureau, rug, mattress/mattress set, stove, dishwasher, ceramic items (sink, toilet), washer, dryer. [Exception: \$25 for Sleeper Sofa unless disassembled, with metal springs removed]

• APPLIANCES with Freon

("White Goods": refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, dehumidifiers): \$13 to cover Freon removal, required by EPA

• TIRES

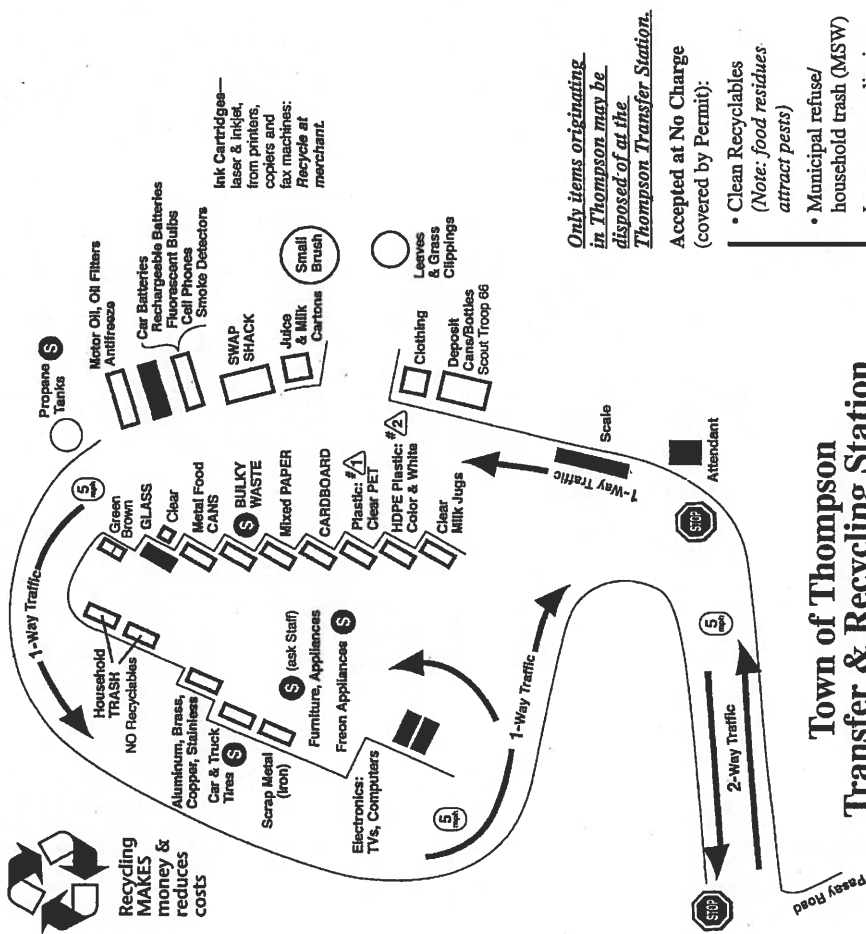
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\$3 per deflated tire on rim
\$6 per R-17 tire
\$25 per tractor/earthmoving tire

• PROPANE TANKS

\$2 for 20 lb. tank
\$4 for 40 lb. tank
\$10 for 100 lb. tank



Recycling
MAKES
money &
reduces
costs



Town of Thompson Transfer & Recycling Station

Hours of Operation 860-923-9820

Wednesday, Friday	7:15 am - 2:45 pm
Thursday [September 16th-April 30th]	7:15 am - 2:45 pm
Summer Thursdays [May 1st-September 15th]	11:15 am - 6:45 pm
Saturday	7:45 am - 3:15 pm
Sunday, Monday, Tuesday & Holidays	CLOSED

See www.thompsonct.org for holiday closure details

Annual Permit Fees:

Permit issue date is November 1;
Half-year rate applies as of May 1

- Per Thompson Single Family Household \$85
Provides 2 vehicle stickers per permit
- Senior Residents age 65 and older
as of November 1st \$45
Provides 1 vehicle sticker per permit
- Multiple Unit Permit \$85
per apartment or condo unit
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- Thompson Residents with a COMPANY CAR... \$85
A Thompson resident with a company car may apply for a permit. Motor vehicle taxes on said vehicle will be identified by Town of Thompson Tax Code 141; all others will receive a paper pass.

- NEW RESIDENTS: \$85; \$42.50 after May 1
A temporary letter from the Tax Collector's Office may be used for 60 days. New Residents must obtain Connecticut license plates and upon presentation of Connecticut Registration, shall be issued a regular vehicle sticker at no additional charge. (Company car—see above.)

- One-day Passes
No cost for a Thompson resident borrowing a vehicle if Resident already has a valid permit.
- One-day Pass for Thompson residents without a permit
\$5 per car or SUV per day
- Thompson Property Owners who reside in another town or state may apply for a temporary pass good for one day. They must provide full address of both Thompson real estate and permanent residence.
\$10 per pick-up truck per day PLUS normal disposal fees (see FEE ITEMS)

NEW VEHICLES: If a vehicle is replaced during the year, **PEEL OFF** the transfer station sticker from the permitted vehicle being sold or disposed of and **RETURN** it to the Tax Collector's Office to obtain a new replacement sticker at no charge.



**Town of Thompson
Transfer & Recycling Station**
Pasay Road
860-923-9820

Permit Required

Permit Stickers **MUST** be affixed to the passenger side front windshield.

Recycling Mandatory
per Ordinance 10-021



Open to Thompson Residents &
Thompson Business Owners ONLY

Only trash originating in Thompson may be disposed of at the Thompson Transfer Station.
Employees may inspect trash and recycling.

For safety: All loads MUST be covered and secured
during transit to prevent litter & accidents.

Speed Limit 5 mph

Permits Proof of vehicle registration required
Obtain at the Tax Office at Thompson Town Hall:
Tel. 860-923-2119

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Thursday 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
Friday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

THOMPSON RECYCLES:

✓ Plastic Containers:

- Rinse. Remove all tops and add tops to #2 plastics
- Transparent milk & juice jugs ONLY
- Colored & white HDPE #2 plastics, plastic toys;

WHITE milk jugs; detergent, bleach, shampoo bottles

Place #2 motor oil containers by used motor oil area.

- Clear PETE #1 plastic bottles (soda, juice)

✓

Cardboard: Brown corrugated boxes, shoe boxes, beverage packaging, paper towel & toilet paper rolls, clean food boxes (liners removed)

✓

Milk & Juice Waxed Cardboard Cartons: Rinse & crush

✓

Mixed Paper: white + colored, including glossy: (Tie in bundles or stack in paper grocery bags): Newspapers, including all flyers & inserts; magazines, catalogs, junk mail; office paper, computer printouts, envelopes (windows OK), fax paper, paper bags, books (except remove hard covers & put in household trash), phonebooks

✓

Tins Cans & Metal Food Containers:

Rinse well. Labels & attached lids OK. Includes metal lids from jars & bottles. Empty aerosol cans OK. Paint & varnish cans can be recycled if EMPTY and thin layer of product is dry.

✓

Glass Food & Drink Containers:

Separate by color: CLEAR, BROWN, GREEN (slightly tinted wine bottles & blue bottles go with GREEN.)

Refundable/deposit bottles and cans

may be dropped off in a separate area to help Thompson Boy Scout Troop 66.

✓

Used Clothing: Drop off unwanted clothes in plastic bags in designated container; tie pairs of shoes together.

✓

Scrap metal: separate ferrous (iron) & non-ferrous (aluminum, copper, brass, stainless) and dispose of in separate designated areas.

→ NO

5-gallon buckets
plastic #3, 4, 5, 6, 7
plastic bags

Swap Shack:
Useable items
ONLY.

✓

Used Motor Oil & Antifreeze:

DO NOT MIX.

Leave in closed containers or ask attendant for help.

✓

Batteries:

- Auto/Truck & Marine: Make sure battery cases are not leaking.
- Rechargeable: NiCad, lithium ion, nickel-metal hydride
- ** NO household alkaline batteries: dispose with household trash.

✓

Fluorescent Bulbs

ONLY: all tubes & compact fluorescent

- (spirals); broken bulbs okay
- ** NO regular light bulbs: dispose with household trash.

✓

Cell Phones & Smoke Detectors:

remove batteries to recycle

✓

Thompson composts leaves, grass clippings and small brush under 3" in diameter.

Finished compost is available FREE for residents.

(There is no food composting because of animal problems. If you do not have a compost pile at home, donate your kitchen waste to a friend's compost pile. If you must dispose of food waste, it should be deposited with household trash.)

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PROHIBITED ITEMS

Demolition Material:

the Building Official issues demolition permits.

This covers debris from renovations to homes, sheds, garages, barns, etc., stones, stumps, insulation, roofing material and similar items. The DEP strictly enforces restrictions on accepting demolition debris at the Transfer Station. Arrangements must be made with a commercial hauler for disposal of debris. Check the yellow pages of your telephone book under "Rubbish Removal."

Gasoline/Gas Tanks/FuelTanks/
Automobile Parts: Contact a junkyard.

Hazardous Waste:

Household hazardous waste is not accepted at the Thompson Transfer Station. The Town participates in a Hazardous Waste Collection Day. Watch for advertising in the local paper. Please store the material safely until a collection day is held. Check the yellow pages of your telephone book under "Environmental and Ecological Services" for more information.

Asbestos/Lead Abatement:

Contact Director of Public Works, Leo Adams at 923-2680 or Northeast