

Minutes of Shrewsbury Variable Rate Pricing Informational Meeting

May 20th, 2015

Meeting was held at the Shrewsbury Meetinghouse.

Present: Bert Potter, Selectboard; Aaron Korzun, Selectboard; Steven Nicholson, Selectboard; Eldred French, Moderator.

Public: See attached sign-in sheet.

Called to order: 7:02 p.m.

Eldred French read summary of Act 148.

Bert Potter reviewed how the Variable rate pricing would work. The need to pay for the tipping fees and the hauling charges, (\$72/ton for Municipal Solid Waste(MSW) and a \$172 hauling charge), for the MSW by a per bag or container fee. He explained the punch card system, (\$10 and \$20 cards) and the different prices for different size bags or containers, (\$1/13 gallon bag, \$2/30 g. bag, \$4/50g. bag) and where to purchase them, (from the Town Clerk or at Pierce's Store).

Many questions were raised about "zero sort" recycling, or a "hybrid system" for paying for MSW/ bag disposal. These were found to be more expensive or require more record keeping when Bert Potter looked at how other towns were running their transfer stations. Also concerns were raised about increased dumping of trash along the roads with the Brown Bridge area mentioned several times. Bert Potter said the State was predicting a ten percent increase in littering. A question was raised about transfer station stickers for vehicles, (first two are free/household after that they are \$5/ sticker. Stickers are required to be in place to use the transfer station).

The "Reading room" will still accept items but they need to be of a quality that people will want to reuse them. The transfer attendants will be more selective of the items allowed in the Reading room.

Meeting adjourned: 8:35 p.m.