

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 18, 2023

Members Present:

Hatch, Rapp, Leighton

Others Present:

Maggie Williams

Bailey Bowden

Business:

Meeting commenced @ 7:00 PM.

Maggie reported that Representative Ron Russell will hold office hours at the school this Sunday (4/23) from 3 to 4:30 pm. The public is encouraged to stop by and express any concerns they have.

Hatch has been contacted by Dan Ferden regarding the transport of the Downeast Salmon Federation's smoker trailer. He will haul it to and from Pierce's Pond for \$90 each way. Hatch will call to make sure that a porta-potty will be on site by May 10th.

Bailey reported that dirt bikes are causing damage at the PP landing ramp. The water proof liner has been exposed and is being compromised by the damage.

Board discussed the office closure. None of the members recalled getting any notice last week prior to the closure.

Bryce Farnham notified the Board that her contract rate for her CEO/LPI services will be \$43/hr.

Hatch and Leighton met earlier today with Lou Pizzuti (MDEP) at the transfer station to review the after the fact application for a transfer station license. Mr. Pizzuti was very helpful in providing guidance in the application process. He made several small suggestions on the existing operation, but all in all was happy with what the town is doing at the site.

Greg Bowden contacted Hatch to report that PERC is still bypassing the incoming waste stream to the Juniper Ridge landfill in Alton. To this point Greg has charged the town for the additional

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trip cost. He is now requesting an additional \$150/trip to cover his costs. PERC has been bypassing waste to the Juniper Ridge landfill since last September. The Board received a letter dated 8/31/22 (attached), in which the PERC plant manager forecasted a twelve-day bypassing. The Board has received no further notice from PERC regarding the bypass to date. Had Greg not reached out, the Board would still not know about the continued by-pass.

Rapp will contact PERC regarding this issue.

Approved and endorsed a resolution (attached) to support the town of Blue Hill's application for federal funding for improvements on their wastewater treatment facility. This resolution will be submitted to the Northern Border Regional Commission.

Board reviewed a First National Wealth Management year to date investment statement. Our portfolio is currently positioned; 5% cash, 25% equity, and 70% fixed income. Safe, slow and steady with a 3.6% rate of return.

Reviewed and approved Warrant #8 in the amount of \$90,883.84.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.



Penobscot Energy Recovery Company

29 Industrial Way
Orrington, Maine 04474
(207) 825 - 4566

ESOCO ORRINGTON, LLC.
Plant Operator

August 31, 2022

RE: Deliveries of Municipal Solid Waste/OBW to PERC

To All,

Please be advised that starting today (08/31/2022) the Penobscot Energy Recovery Company is bypassing incoming wastes to the Juniper Ridge Landfill through and including September 11th, 2022. The reason for this bypass is that the PERC facility is full. The facility has just recovered from a fire in the boilerhouse that damaged electrical cables last month and kept the facility off line, unable to consume fuel. Yesterday more electrical problems made their presence known and caused PERC to come back off line. With the full inventory from the last month of downtime, PERC will need to bypass wastes to allow for reduction of our tipping floor inventory for safe and efficient operation following our resumption of boiler operation. We are working diligently to make this happen and will amend this bypass if we are able to sooner than the September 11th date.

I am sorry for the inconvenience that taking material to Juniper Ridge Landfill will cause, however the PERC facility needs to manage this inventory problem.

Thank you for your patience and understanding,

Henry Lang
Plant Manager
Penobscot Energy Recovery Company
29 Industrial Way
Orrington, Maine 04474
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**Resolution to Support the Application by the Town of Blue Hill for Funding
the Blue Hill Wastewater Treatment Facility**

Whereas the Town of Blue Hill seeks federal economic development funding from the Northern Border Regional Commission in the amount of \$1,000,000 to help defray the cost of capital improvements needed for the Blue Hill Wastewater Treatment Facility;

Whereas many residents of the Town of Penobscot patronize businesses in Blue Hill, thereby contributing to the economy of Blue Hill and the Blue Hill Peninsula;

Whereas residents of Penobscot are employed by various businesses and other organizations based in Blue Hill, thereby supporting the economies of both communities;

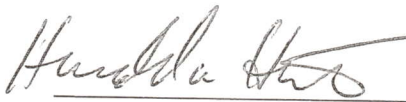
Whereas many Penobscot residents rely on community services and recreational and educational opportunities that are not available in Penobscot, including the food bank and the Downeast Family YMCA with its swimming pool;

Whereas federal investment in upgrades to the Blue Hill Wastewater Treatment Facility is critical for maintaining the economic resilience of services in Blue Hill on which Penobscot residents rely, and

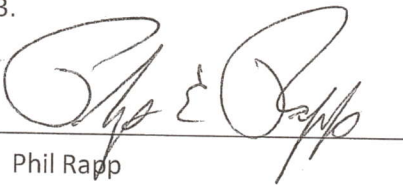
Whereas the Town of Blue Hill is engaged in a multi-year capital improvements project to increase the resilience of its wastewater treatment facility in the face of a growing population and the negative effects of sea level rise, storm surge and adverse weather events;

Now therefore, the Town of Penobscot encourages the Northern Border Regional Commission to support the request by the Town of Blue Hill for \$1,000,000 for capital improvement investments for the Blue Hill Wastewater Treatment Facility.

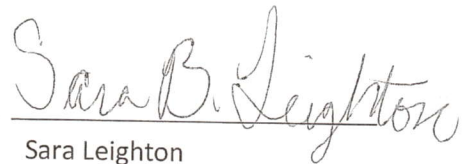
Adopted this 18th day of April, 2023.



Harold Hatch
Chair, Select Board



Phil Rapp
Selectman



Sara Leighton
Selectman