

TOWN OF ASHLAND
WASTE TO ENERGY COMMITTEE (WTE)
COMMITTEE FORMATION AND MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2023 5:00 PM
UTILITY CONFERENCE ROOM 6 COLLINS STREET

I. CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Alan Cilley called the meeting to order at 5:07 pm. In attendance were Alan Cilley, Selectman Charlie Bozzello, Craig Moore, Bonnie Bethune and Mike Myshrall. Harry Gallien joined virtually. Also in attendance were Bob Letourneau, Selectboard Chair, and 1 resident.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a) **MOTION:** Charlie Bozzell made the motion to accept minutes as written from the 12/06/23 WTE Committee meeting.
SECOND: Craig Moore
VOTE: Motion passed 5-0 (after Waldron presentation/Harry Gallien left prior to vote)

III. OLD BUSINESS:

- a) Tour of Wheelabrator Facility in Penacook – tours will be scheduled beginning February 2024.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

Jeremy Smith and Grant Page from Waldron met virtually to prep for 12/18 BOS/Public Info. Session. Jeremy to present PowerPoint presentation with the following info:

- Introduce Waldron staff
- Outline completed waste-to-energy projects such as Laidlaw Berlin Biomass plant, Lake Charles, LA Microgrid Project (make polypropylene pellets), Nashua Waste-to- Energy wastewater plant and current projects including Lebanon’s gas to energy project
- Discussion of name of facility – “Ashland Power Station”
- Conceptual picture
- How biomass works
- Electricity to Eversource - Town puts energy into the grid and buys back at nominal cost for town’s needs
- Money in and Money out chart
- If plant not running, Eversource will still pay for the capacity the plant can produce

- Cleaning and Scrubbing and SCR (selective catalytic reduction) technology (new; higher than NHDES (Department of Environmental Services) requirements
- Q&A's

From resident Linda Van Derschuur:

Q. What will the stack height be?

A. Same as existing cell tower

Q. What products will be produced?

A. Electricity, Fly Ash (potential use in concrete), Bottom Ash (waste to be landfilled) and metal (to be recycled)

From Mike Myshral:

Q. What happens if Ashland loses power – will facility continue to produce power to the Town (as an island).

A. Possible but at a higher cost to build facility.

Further discussion ensued regarding waste tonnage, contracts with towns/haulers.

Upcoming Meetings:

Next WTE Committee meeting - Wednesday, 12/20/23 at Utility Conference Room
6 Collins Street at 5pm.

Selectboard Meeting - Public Information Session - Monday, 12/18/23 5:30 PM at
Ashland Elementary School Cafeteria 16 Education Drive Ashland, NH.

V. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Craig Moore made motion to adjourn meeting.

SECOND: Charlie Bozzello seconded.

VOTE: Motion Passed 7-0; meeting adjourned at 6:12 pm.