Special Town Meeting
June 13, 2005

Article 1

Transfer Station Operating Hours

Process

- Trash Survey – November 2003
- "Trash Talk" – February 11, 2004
- Formation of Life After NESWC Committee (LAN)
- NESWC Contract expires 9/25/05
- Committee meetings during 2004-2005
- Identified options and evaluated alternatives

Process

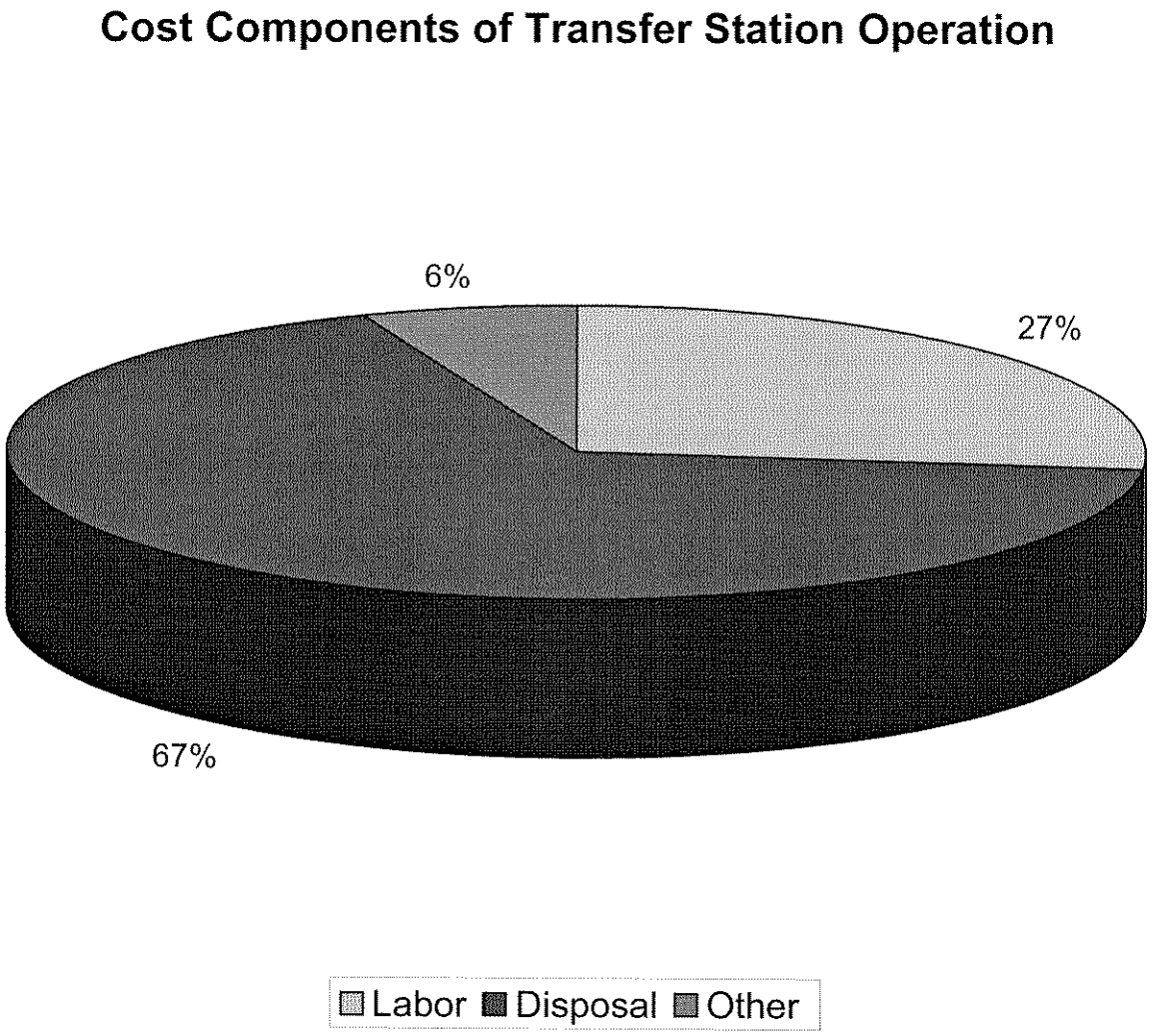
- Bids received on curbside pickup
- Refined analysis of transfer station operation
- April TM Vote to reduce hours to 2 days/week
- Public meeting in April
- Second public information meeting – May 25
- Special Town Meeting – tonight

Trash Disposal Operating Options

- ***Operate Transfer Station on 5 days a Week Schedule***
  - ***<u>Vote "YES" on Article 1</u>***

- ***Operate Transfer Station on a 2 Days a Week Schedule***
  - ***<u>Vote "NO" on Article 1</u>***

Trash Disposal Operating Options



Trash Disposal Operating Options

- ***<u>Key Operating Factors Common to Both Options</u>***
  - No subsidy from taxation
    - operat ion funded from fees
  - Brokerage program no longer viable or allowed by WMI
  - Disposal costs are locked in for one year
  - Recycling program remains the same (2 stream)
    - I nvestigating improvements to make recycling more user friendly
  - "Hand from the Grave" eliminated

Trash Disposal Operating Options

- ***5 Days a Week Option***
  - Operating hours same as they have been – transfer station open 5 days a week
  - Staffing
    - Flat Fee - 2.25 FTE (1 part-time and 2 full time)
    - PAYT – 2.5 FTE (2 part-time and 2 full time)
  - Operating costs higher than 2 days a week option due to higher labor costs
    - Difference between 2 and 5 days a week is about $14 at equal subscription rates

Trash Disposal Operating Options

- ***2 Days a Week Option***
  - Operation limited to two days a week (Wed/Sat.)
    - 2 days a week operation accommodates 2/3rds of users now
  - Reduction in staffing
    - Flat Fee - 2 FTE (2 part-time and 1 full-time)
    - PAYT – 2.5 FTE (3 part-time and 1 full time)
  - Possible issue of maintaining part-time staff
  - Possible loss of business due to less convenient operating hours

Trash Disposal Operating Options

- ***<u>Pros and Cons of 2 days a week vs. 5 days a week operation</u>***
  - Higher cost with 5 days a week operation ($14 or about 8% higher than 2 days a week operation)
    - Disposal costs invariant to hours of operation
    - Assumes no attrition due to cut back in service hours
      - With a 20% reduction in stickers, 2 days a week rate is equal to 5 days a week rate
  - 5 days is more convenient
  - Provides additional personnel for emergency operations
  - No real "intermediate" option between 2 and 5 days a week

Trash Disposal Operating Options

Selectmen recommend a "YES" vote on Article 1