

**DERBY BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
SPECIAL MEETING**

**DERBY CITY HALL – Aug 4, 2010 – 7:30 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

The Honorable Mayor Anthony Staffieri called the public hearing to order at 7:00 p.m. All rose and pledged allegiance to the flag.

**Roll Call**

Present: Barbara DeGennaro, Stephen Iacuone (arrived 7:38 p.m.), Beverly Moran, Joseph DiMartino, Joseph Bomba, Scott Boulton, and Ken Hughes, President.

Also Present: Corporation Counsel - Joseph Coppola, Chief Administrative Officer – Phil Robertson and Public Works Director – Ron Culmo.

Absent: James Benanto, David Lenart

**Public Portion**

Ron Culmo – Strang Road -

“Mr. Mayor, ladies and gentlemen of the Board of Aldermen, I would just like to say a few words about the opening of the Transfer Station that might affect the residents of Derby and the Public Works Department. I am not asking you to vote for it and I am not asking you to vote against it. I know that several members already have their minds made up, so I would just like to explain a few things and hope that people listen.

I am speaking not only as Director of Public Works, but also as a taxpayer. Seeing that I am not an alderman and not allowed to attend the Executive Sessions and voice my opinion, this is the only way I feel that I can express my feelings and give you my opinion on the situation.

The Public Works Department needs the use of the Transfer Station daily. They make on average, 45 trips to the dump a week. I have heard rumors that the station will be opened on a limited basis, possibly 3 days a week and shorter hours. The days in which I have been told were Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays where we have to empty all the barrels downtown, at the parks, picnic grove, greens and other areas of town. We have over 80 barrels to empty three days a week. We do not have any place to store this trash until the facility opens. And I am sure that if a private company leases out the facility, they would not let us enter whenever we need to. I think putting a container at the City garage would not work either. It might take several weeks to entirely fill the container and it can not be removed until they are full.

Between the smell of garbage and the problems with animals and rodents in the area, I do not think it would go good with the neighbors in the area. We would have to bag the trash in every barrel, like we are doing now, and the cost of the bags for all these barrels is costing the town over \$200.00 every couple of weeks.

Besides, like I said earlier, our department needs the use of the transfer station daily and for many other reasons such as: bulk, leaves, brush, items found on the roads, daily clean up and so on.

Residents also use the transfer station daily also. On Monday through Friday there can be anywhere from 25 to 70 residents a day. On Saturdays there can be well over 200 vehicles coming in.

Also, many contractors from town use the facility daily. I think that the station should be opened like it was in the past for the 6 days a week.

No matter what the hours are, we are going to average the same amount of trash in town whether we are open 3 days or 6 days, and as long as outside trash is not accepted at the facility, which would bring our totals up considerably. So I really do not think this will be any type of savings for the town.

Also, if a private company runs the facility, I think that there should be someone from the town there at all times to monitor what is being taken into the station. No matter what happens and who runs the transfer station, the City of Derby is liable for everything that goes on there because it is the City of Derby's property and the permit is in the City of Derby's name.

We do not know what is going to be brought in there. If this does not work and the City does take over the transfer station again, we would not know if anything was dumped there illegally. Most of the violations that were found at the transfer station were problems from the town not funding the remainder of the money to finish the transfer station properly.

I know that the employees that would work up there from the town are very much aware of what the problems were and what has to be done to run the facility properly. All of the Public Works employees have gone through the classes and have the proper certification from the State of Connecticut DEP, and if something does happen, then there would be no excuse as to any possible disciplinary actions that might be taken against them. Thank you for your time".

Anita Duggato – 69 Elizabeth Street. Ms. Dugatto had a few questions for the Board. Is this for the bulk and household garbage and the transfer station? Will the City still do recycling? She is glad that everyone is working to get closure on this and save the town some money.

Public Portion closed.

**Extension by ADS to continue the Trash Hauling and Operation of Derby Transfer Station.**

**A MOTION** by Mr. Bomba with a second by Mr. Boulton to extend the contract with ADS for the month of July and August 2010.

**Executive Session: Contract Negotiations Regarding Trash Hauling and Operation of Derby Transfer Station.**

**A MOTION** by Mr. Bomba with a second by Mr. Boulton to go into Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. and invite Corporation Counsel Joseph Coppola and Chief Administrative Officer Phil Robertson, all in favor, motion carries.

**A MOTION** to come out of Executive Session at 9:36 p.m. by Mr. Bomba, with a second by Mr. Boulton, all in favor, motion carries.

**Discussion/Action – Operation of Transfer Station by Private Vendor or by City of Derby.**  
**A MOTION** to table by Mr. Hughes with a second by Mr. Boulton, all in favor, motion carried.

**Award of Trash Hauling – Discussion/Action.**

**A MOTION** by Mr. Hughes with a second by Mr. Boulton to choose the most qualified vendor as City Carting and direct the Mayor's office to finalize the contract for curb to curb trash pickup and recycling pickup, all in favor, motion carried.

**Operation of Transfer Station by Private Vendor if Approved – Discussion/Action.**

**A MOTION** by Ms. DeGennaro with a second by Mr. Hughes to allow Corporation Counsel to negotiate with the union and the vendor City Carting regarding the operation of the transfer station, all in favor, motion carried.

**Adjournment**

**A MOTION** by Mr. Hughes with a second by Ms. Moran to adjourn at 9:38 p.m., all in favor, motion carries.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Denise Cesaroni  
Recording Secretary*

**\*\*\*\*These minutes are subject to the approval of the Board of Aldermen at their next regular meeting.**