

Town of Danby
DRAFT Transfer Station Select Board Meeting Minutes
March 25, 2025
Town Office, Danby, VT 5:00pm
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Public Present –Philippa Cully, Carley Millard, Nichole Weeks, Matt Blouin

- **Danby Select Board Present: Haines, Fuller, Abbott, Heaton, Bender**
- **Mt Tabor Select Board Members Present: Beauregard, Gasperetti, Audy**
- **Meeting called to order 5:02PM**
- **Highlights of contract to be drafted by Danby**
 - 10-year lease
 - No cost associated with lease from Mt Tabor.
 - Danby is responsible for operational costs, staffing, and layout.
 - Mt Tabor to approve layout. Access to cave and potential gravel at front of property were stated as a couple areas they want to maintain open for access.
 - Insurance will cover both Danby and Mt Tabor.
 - Improvements to get operational at Danby cost.
 - Rutland County Solid Waste Permit will need to be amended.
 - Trash and recycling cost per unit/bag to residents of both Mt Tabor and Danby to be the same.
 - Large, medium, and small bag cost structure still likely (i.e. \$5, \$3, \$2)
 - Danby's are \$4, \$2, \$1
 - Create "Rate Board" comprised of 2 Select Board members from each town. Meet annually to discuss any rate increases for trash and recycling. If towns can't agree (i.e. 2 vs 2 vote) mediator to be paid for by both towns to drive discussion to consensus.
- **Other notes of interest**
 - Hubbard has fewer fees than Casella (i.e. only cost is for tonnage)
 - Still questions on open vs closed dumpsters.
 - Open easy to see when full, however no compaction so fills faster. Added prevention of access by bears required. Roof is also ideal as snow/rain add weight.
 - Closed need to ensure full and concerns of pressure gauge used to monitor compaction is not accurate.
 - Danby would like power to add lighting, required if closed dumpster(s) with compaction. Mt Tabor is currently only operational only when light out (no power currently available).
 - Access at entrance and through area will need to be wider to ease access concerns.
 - 2 attendants are needed (Cliff and Carley)
 - Mt Tabor punch cards are a better option than stickers. They charge for both trash and recycling. This has helped kept their annual losses lower than Danby.
 - Danby loss ~\$30,000 annually
 - Mt Tabor loss ~\$8,000-\$9,000 annually
 - Bathroom facility needed.
- **Meeting adjourned 6:32PM**