Wolcott Litter & Solid Waste Ordinance Committee

Notes from the presentation of Penelope Doherty on November 26, 2021:

Penelope was one of the volunteers at Craftsbury's bulk waste collection day held on Saturday June 19, 2021.

-The event was open and free to Craftsbury residents only.
-Construction materials, limited to 1 truckload, were allowed from residents, but not commercial entities.
-Four tires were free, any beyond that were $5 each.
-No appliances with freon were allowed
-Their final cost is still being calculated, but it may be about $1,200.
-The hours matched that of their Transfer Station, 9:00 - 1:00, but was held at the Town Garage.
-People started lining up at 8:20 a.m.
-Signs were in place.
-Volunteers, wearing safety vests, directed traffic, and asked a couple of questions of each driver. (Count vehicles, ask where they heard about event, where from, what are you bringing…this info may be used for future grants). They estimated 50 vehicles.
-Consider traffic pattern, if there are 10 vehicles in line, for example.
-Need to have a volunteer who knows everyone.
-Their idea of having people unload their own material was impractical. They ended up using 7 volunteers to unload.
-1 bay was used for mattresses, 1 bay for other large items, there was a tire pile, and a scrap metal pile.
-They used a front loader to put materials in Town dump trucks and hauled to dump.
-They ended up with 3 1/2 dump truck loads. There were about 400 tires (1 family brought 4 truckloads of tires).
-You need 8 weeks lead time. Check on roll off availability.
-The event was advertised on FPF 4 weeks in advance with an announcement in week 3, another in week 2, and 2 announcements in the week leading up to the event.
-Tip: give people a heads up; for example, if event is in June, mention it in April so people can prepare.
-They had a volunteer who offered on FPF to haul items in his trailer if people didn't have a way to get bulk items to the event.
-The event did not affect Craftsbury's certification. Wolcott would need to check on whether a one-time event would have an impact on certification.

Penelope's comments regarding Craftbury's textile recycling day:

-Their textile day was a fundraiser for Sterling College, raising $617.00.
-They worked with HELPSY (out of NY) who brought a truck (although it was late).
-They collected 7,656 pounds of textiles; typically a drive gets 3,000 pounds.
-Donations came from surrounding towns as well.
-The event was promoted on FPF.

-They accepted: clean, washed, dried textiles such as bedding, curtains, clothing, shoes. The organization sorts—wearables are provided to thrift stores. Otherwise goes to industry streams and may be used for animal bedding or for rags.