

Windham Selectboard
5976 Windham Hill Road
Windham, VT 05359

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Mr. Robert C. Bingham
6377 Windham Hill Road
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Dear Bob:

In response to your request of April 15, asking for details of costs related to the fuel spill last year, we can offer the following:

1. The total number of hours spent by town employees cleaning up the site when the spill happened is about 2 – 1 each for Josh and Jon. What they did at the time was dump and spread sand on the spill, letting the fuel soak in to the sand. Unfortunately, we cannot answer why their time cards did not specifically detail this activity. But please know that the current time cards being used report more specific information. In addition, Ralph spent 5 hours assisting the contractor on the first day of the clean-up and Josh spent a total of 5 hours assisting on both days of the clean-up.
\$ 293.72
2. The bills from Environmental Products & Services of Vermont, Inc. (EPS) passed on by the Town to the School District amounted to
\$ 6,892.65
3. EPS reported that the number of gallons spilled was between 10 and 30 gallons. Our records indicate that the bus fill for that week was 29.7 gallons, most of which were actually pumped into the bus. Therefore, we estimate a spill of 10 gallons. The cost at the time was \$ 2.44/gallon, which totals
\$ 24.40
4. The amount of sand used, as referenced above, was 6 yards. At the time the cost was \$14.25/yard which totals
\$ 85.50
5. The initial fine from the Agency of Natural Resources (ANR), for the spill violation, was \$ 6,000.00. It was indicated to us that we could have settled at 75%, or \$ 4,500.00.

6. Based on the information the Town provided to ANR, they recognized and appreciated our willingness to take measures designed to minimize the potential for a future violation. It was because of this that they believed a reduction in the penalty was warranted. The reduced penalty is

\$ 2,000.00

7. Attorney's fees are 6.5 hours @\$185.00/hour totaling

\$ 1,202.50

8. All costs from Cota & Cota to replace faulty nozzle

\$ 203.50

We hope this satisfies your request for cost information regarding this unfortunate incident, and that like ANR, you recognize the training and procedures put in place to prevent anything like this from ever happening in Windham again.

As always, we welcome the opportunity to hear from you with any concerns you may have.

Kindest regards,

Maureen Bell

Kord Scott

Hal Wilkins