

Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee
Work Session Minutes
October 1, 2014

PRESENT: Pat Bracken; Chairman, Ellen Cabral, Bob Nugent and Chris Kowalski

The work session opened at 7:30 pm.

The purpose of the work session to go over the RFP's received for curbside collection and disposal, Kent Farm Transfer Station and Disposal of curbside collection.

The committee reviewed the proposals. Looking at the proposal from Casella the cost for the collection and disposal is \$15,000 less per year by taking both together. There is a change in the collection day to 4 days instead of 5. The three year cost is at \$1,819,443 and with the \$45,000 reduction (\$15,000 per year) the cost would be \$1,787,825. Either way they are noted as the low bidder. The larger concern with the committee is that in 2014 the collection cost for Casella is \$381,000 and the first year of 2015 the cost is \$418,000(after \$15,000 reduction) which is an increase from one year to the next of \$37,000 or a 9% increase. The committee was concerned with the significant increase. The cost from 2012 to 2014 was \$1,599,057 (collection and tipping) and the proposed amount with the adjustment for 2015-2017 is \$1,787,825.00 (collection and estimated tipping). There was also the concern with the 4 day collection and if the Selectmen would be okay with the change. Mr. Bracken noted that he would like to have Casella get something out to the residents as soon as possible so they had sufficient notice.

Northside Cart had a stipulation that the curbside collection and disposal and Kent Farm have to all be awarded or none of it.

Waste Management had their curbside collection and disposal costs noted as having to go together. There is no option of having Waste Management pick up and take to Coventa.

Disposal Proposal- Overall Coventa was the lowest cost for the tipping fee, but there is more of a cost savings to take the tipping fee contract that Casella has with Coventa (\$61.50 the first year) and the curbside collection with the \$15,000 per year contract.

Kent Farm Proposal-Overall the proposal from Casella looks like it would be the lowest. Republic Services was close but there is a separate cost for a container that would be just mattresses. The cost from Casella for an open top container is \$77/\$79/\$81. Republic is at \$70/\$73/\$76 but the mattress container is \$110/\$115/\$120. It is estimated by Steve Harms that he has one mattress container per month which would put Casella lower by a slim margin. The roll off costs are the same.

Everyone agreed that overall Casella was the low bidder for the curbside collection and disposal and the site specific (Kent Farm transfer station) and felt there was no reason to not accept Casella. They noted that there have been no issues with Casella once the changeover settled down. There would need to be a written contract and it should be reviewed by town counsel.

Mrs Harrington mentioned that Mr. Dufour from NRRRA called and offered their services to review the RFP's and or contract for the town to make sure it is up to standards current in NH. The cost would be \$75 per hour. The committee thought it might be a good idea to review the contract.

There was discussion about the future of the RFPs and that the next ones may be looking at the automated process. Mrs. Harrington mentioned that coming through Pembroke and Hooksett she saw trucks doing automated pick up with the Town's name on the door, not a vendor. It may

be something the committee would consider as an option. They should also check with other towns and visit to see what they are doing.

Work session adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

October 8, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

Agenda: RFP's

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Harrington,
Recording Secretary