

Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2014

PRESENT: Pat Bracken; Chairman, Bob Nugent and Chris Kowalski
(absent: E. Cabral)

The meeting opened at 7:30 pm.

Guests: Selectman Lindquist (after a Cable meeting)

MINUTES

The minutes from September 10, 2014, October 1, 2014 and October 8, 2014 were reviewed and accepted by vote.

Old Business

2015 Budget

Chairman Bracken updated the members about some changes made to the draft 2015 budget. He noted that a COLA increase of .85% was added to the salary lines.

He went over the various lines. Misc. expenses include \$1,400 for new recycling bins, \$450 for the transfer station permits and an additional \$500 for incidental expenses for a total of \$2,350.

Dues and Subscriptions is for the NRRA annual dues.

Workshops and Training is at \$500 which includes \$50 per person (3 of them) for their annual operator license and money for the annual NRRA workshop.

Fuel Surcharge was previously reduced. Currently the price for diesel is at \$3.45 (per CK).

Curbside Collection is based on the new contract.

Tipping Fee- It was suggested that with the numbers in for October that the estimate for 2015 be recalculated which should increase the amount slightly.

Household Hazardous Waste – Hampstead is the host in 2015 and needs to budget for the full potential cost plus the spring collection. Mr. Bracken and Mrs. Harrington pulled the records from the last time it was in Hampstead to get an estimate. In the event not enough is budgeted it is hoped that there will be funds in the fuel surcharge line.

The Kent Farm Salaries were broken out by employees and the amount of hours worked along with any potential increases at a total of \$4,811.24

Site Maintenance is level funded and Mr. Harms stated that there were no pending projects for 2015 and he would notify the committee prior to doing anything.

Bulk disposal is based on the current usage.

Mailing of newsletter- the estimate of \$1,700 to mail the newsletter next year should be paid out of the recycling account whereas it is part of the education process. The three members present agreed that the cost should come from that account.

New Business

Smoke Detectors and Disposal

It was asked of the members how to dispose of a smoke detector. Mr. Bracken contacted the State DES and spoke to Mr. Wheeler. He referred Mr. Bracken to the list posted on their website which referred back to the manufacturer. Mrs. Harrington noted that recently a survey came via email from a UNH student doing an intern at DES asking how the towns handle smoke detectors at the transfer stations. Mr. Nugent said that there was something recently in the NRRA newsletter. He also explained that in the past the smoke detectors had some radioactive components and that isn't the case anymore. Mr. Bracken said that he would contact the City of Haverhill to see what they do with them. Mr. Kowalski asked about carbon monoxide systems as well. Mr. Nugent said that unless it was a combination smoke detector, carbon monoxide system it wouldn't be an issue.

Fire Extinguishers can be recycled as long as the top is off and the spray is out.

Casella Contract

The committee looked at the draft contract from Casella and had a couple of changes. The first change is under Scope of Services speaks to the collection being every other week instead of weekly. It also talks about the curbside bulk disposal being collected on the residents same collection day instead of a set day as is the practice now. Mrs. Harrington will ask for clarification.

Section IV-Disposal- it doesn't name the facility as being Coventa.

Performance bond information was not in the contract. Mrs. Harrington will forward the wording from the current contract. There was a question whether or not it needed a nonappropriation clause. Mrs. Harrington suggested to leave it until Town Counsel reviews the contract.

The dollar value of the contract is not listed and there is no contract for Kent Farm. Mr.

Kowalski also noted that at the top of the contract where it notes the name of the company, they did not include the zip code.

Mrs. Harrington will forward the changes to Mr. St. Hilaire.

4- Day Collection

Mrs. Harrington said that she spoke with Eric from Casella (handles Hampstead) and they have not set the new schedule yet but he emphasized that it didn't need to be effective on January 1st, 2015. He explained that they were looking to eliminate Friday pick up which would give them an extra day to pick up after holidays instead of a Saturday pick up. Mrs. Harrington said that she told him the Committee wanted at least a 30 day notice to the residents before any changes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

December 10, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

Agenda: 2015 Budget, Casella Contract

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Harrington,
Recording Secretary