

Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 9, 2016

PRESENT; Ellen Cabral, R. Nugent, C. Kowalski, C. Cipriano, and P. Wentworth

Guests: Selectman Lindquist

MINUTES

The minutes from October 12, 2016 were approved with a correction to the spelling of Mr. Kowalski name, by voice vote after a motion by C. Kowalski and a second by C. Cipriano.

Old Business

Transfer Station Permits- The committee agreed to move forward with the new transfer station permits which will be 3" by 3" and will have a space on it to write in the license plate number. The cost to go up to the next size was \$30 more. For 2016 the stickers cost \$365 for 1000.

Motion to purchase the new stickers: C. Kowalski; Second: R. Nugent; Motion passed unanimously

2017 Budget- The proposed 2017 budget was submitted to the Selectmen at their last meeting and there was only one question regarding the reduction in the salary line. Mr. Kowalski noted that the Selectmen need to be ready for 2018 when we are in a new contract and with the trend of paying for curbside recycling tipping fees. The proposed budget as submitted to the Selectmen was at \$662,730 which is an increase of \$22,000 over the 2016 budget. The majority of the increase is in the contracts for the collections. He noted that there was no fluff or fat in this budget. Ms. Cabral mentioned that she was approached by a couple of the other towns at the recent Household Hazardous Waste Day regarding Hampstead not participating in the spring collection. Mr. Garlington of Plaistow brought up the fact that there was a gentlemen's agreement amongst the towns to participate twice a year and share the costs. With Hampstead not participating, it is putting a greater burden on the other towns. Mrs. Harrington had done a spreadsheet showing the history of the fall and spring collections. There were issues in 2014 with both collections costing the Town \$8,000 when normally the \$5,000 had been enough. It showed that the cost of the collections themselves have gone up as much as 25% from one year to the next. C. Kowalski noted that the proposed budget has the cost for about 53 residents which are close to the normal count for a fall collection. The most recent collection in Chester had 42 households show up of a total count of 280. After some discussion it was agreed to move the Household Hazardous Waste budget from \$5,000 to \$8,000. This would increase the budget to \$665,730 or a 3.9% increase from 2016. It was noted that there was a rumor that Kingston was putting the fall 2017 collection out to bid so maybe the cost will go down.

Motion to move the HHW budget line from \$5,000 to \$8,000: C. Kowalski; Second; E. Cabral; Motion passed unanimously.

There were still some concerns as to whether or not the tipping fee for bulk disposal would be enough. There was still one more collection date and Mrs. Harrington will ask for the tonnage and roll offs right after so the budget could be adjusted if needed.

Proposed Cell Tower- Mrs. Harrington mentioned that the proposer for the Cell Tower to be located at the Transfer Station has changed their plan and is not looking at the area where the compost pile was but going in, to the right and back into the woods/hill.

New Business

Rehrig-Pacific- Dave Alfonso and a representative from the NY office were present to go over Toters that are used for trash and recycling. Rehrig-Pacific is the company that we currently purchase our recycling bins from and they recently sent us samples of the three size toters that are currently used for automated curbside collections. He explained that there is a 95 gallon tote

that is used for trash or recycling. There is also a 65 gallon one along with a 35 gallon one. They explained that there is an industry standard (ANSI) that is followed which allows the containers to fit all automated collection equipment. There is a 10 year warranty on the totes and they are built sturdy (HDPE plastic). They noted that there is less than 1% failure on the carts. There was discussion on the benefits of moving in that direction. Some of the benefits are uniformity throughout the town along with safety for the drivers. Mr. Alfonso suggested that when the Town goes out to bid they can request a quote from the haulers with the cost of providing totes in it, and that we should have our own quote for the cost. He stated that we could request that the totes come from Rehrig-Pacific if the cost was better than the proposal from the contractor. He offered samples of some of the bids they have. He went on to explain how the totes could also be personalized such as town motto, what is allowed in the container, covered lids to denote trash/recycling etc. He would also forward samples of a mold label/hangers/sample of hot stamps. He did recommend that if we were to move in the direction of totes, that they shouldn't use all three sizes but move in the direction of one for trash and one for recycling. The top would be color coded for trash or recycling and there is one for compost as well.

Mr. Alfonso was asked about how the totes are delivered. He explained that they get a list from the town and cross reference with the US Postal Service. They would drop off the bins at each address and they mark the serial number and spot where it was dropped. In the event of duplexes they would just mark that two were placed there. If needed, they could mark the totes at multiple homes with A & B etc. Ms. Cabral asked how long any quote would be good for and was told 30 days, but Rehrig-Pacific could be asked. It was noted that the company would require 2 months lead time to get the totes ready to be delivered. They would take a week to deliver.

Motion to adjourn at 8:50 pm was made by Mr. Nugent and seconded by Mr. Kowalski and passed 5-0.

NEXT MEETING

December 14, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Harrington,
Recording Secretary