

Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 14, 2018

PRESENT: E. Cabral, (Chairman), C. Kowalski, C. Cipriano and P. Wentworth

GUEST: Dave Valcourt

MINUTES

The minutes from January 10, 2018 were approved 4-0 with a motion by C. Kowalski and a second by P. Wentworth. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

RFP The Committee reviewed the updated version of the RFP. The Town of Danville's RFP was used as a template. There was a discussion about a five year contract with an option to renew up to 2 years. The Kent Farm facility should be added to the RFP. There will be charges for the roll off and tonnage will be added to item #7. There has been a 3% increase since last year at Kent Farm. Ms. Cabral will speak with Tina Harrington about Kent Farm, section C on page 7.

The bidders should be encouraged to tell the Town how they can achieve the goals and the contractor will provide information on how they will accomplish it. There should be a base requirement for all bidders to bid on how the work is done right now, and then contractors should be able to make suggestions for automation. There was a discussion about the size of containers for people who live in developments that might restrict trash/recycling barrels being left outside.

Ms. Cabral will ask Tina Harrington to request the contract from Danville that they had entered into.

Another meeting will be required before the bid goes out. There was a discussion concerning the timeline for the bidding process: March 28th - RFP goes out. April 11th - bidders meeting. May 14th - bids are opened at the Selectmen's meeting. May 30th - the Committee comes back with a recommendation. The contract with the vendor will be signed no later than July 2nd.

Mattresses- There will be a public hearing scheduled for February 26th with the Board of Selectmen to discuss fees for mattresses. The committee agrees that they want to start charging for the disposal of mattresses and box springs at the transfer station and they set the fee at \$5 for crib size to a twin size and then \$10 for anything above a twin.

Construction Debris- The Committee discussed construction debris at the transfer station. They would prefer that no C & D (not even a window or a door) be allowed. They stated that it was not fair to leave it as a judgement call. Only untreated wood could be collected because it can go into the burn pile. The Committee will present this to the Board of Selectmen as well. Cardboard should not be collected since it can go curbside.

Swap Shop-

The Committee has not been able to get in contact with anyone at Pinkerton Academy in order a shed for the transfer station.

NEW BUSINESS

The Committee discussed its concerns with the lack of demand for recyclables. It was mentioned that Dunkin Donuts will be moving away from styrofoam cups by 2020. The recycling rates for the Town have not improved significantly in years. The current rate is 28%.

Ms. Cabral updated the Committee regarding the community event that was held at the Library. About 100 people came through, one of which is a guest here tonight who expressed interest in the Committee.

Motion to adjourn at 8:45 pm was made by P. Wentworth and seconded by C. Cipriano and passed 4-0.

NEXT MEETING

March 14, 2018

Respectfully Submitted,

Sally Theriault, AA Town of Hampstead