

**Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 12, 2017**

PRESENT; E. Cabral, (Chairman), C. Kowalski, C. Cipriano, R. Nugent, and P. Wentworth

Guests: R. Davis, Selectman Lindquist

MINUTES

The minutes from June 14, 2017 were approved 5-0 with a motion by R. Nugent and a second by C. Kowalski.

Old Business

Update/Discussion- Ms. Cabral recapped what has been learned in the last two meetings with the various haulers. The Board of Selectmen approved an extension of the current contract taking it from ending 12/31/17 to 12/31/18. This allows the committee to take their time to look at options for curbside collection. They need to look at the impact to the town for any change such as moving to an automated system. The purchase of the toters will be expensive, but it was hoped there would be a cost savings by possibly eliminating a collection day. Another option is to stay with what we already have in place. It was discussed where to start. C. Kowalski suggested they start with the current contract and break it into sections and address each section and come up with the verbiage needed. Term of contract is another consideration. It is suggested to go out at least 5 years and our recent contracts have all been three year ones. The East Kingston contract being used as a sample is a five year contract. There are 64 gallon carts that are supplied by the contractor and at the end of the contract East Kingston owns the carts. It has been estimated that the cost of the carts (toters) could be \$50-\$60 per cart and Hampstead currently has about 3300 properties. C. Kowalski questioned how the residents would handle any transition. Selectman Lindquist stated that she wasn't in favor of the idea at first but after listening to the information in the April meeting and knowing there are smaller carts available changed her mind. C. Kowalski stated that the residents need to be made aware of the potential for the changes to get ready. R. Nugent suggested to see if it is possible to have the carts people already own picked up which could save on the cost of purchasing carts. Mrs. Harrington stated that in speaking with a vendor for the carts, he suggested that the town move forward with one size and have some smaller ones on the side to make available after the initial roll out. There was discussion as to who benefited by changing to an automated system and what they were. It was noted that it benefits the hauler because it is safer for their employees and also that they can pick up more in a shorter time frame. The town would benefit by the uniformity and potentially a reduction in collection days, or recycling every other week. There was a question about how often they need to empty out. E. Cabral noted that all the towns around us have moved to some form of the automated process. She noted that if we could save \$30,000 by doing recycling every other week, then it would be worth looking into. E. Cabral asked if the change would need to go as a warrant article and the answer was it wasn't required.

There was discussion also on what to ask for in the RFP. The committee thought it would be good to know the cost to move towards an automated process, but also to know the cost to have the status quo, bi-weekly collection or cost difference going out to 8 or 10 years. It was suggested that an addendum be added to the RFP asking for some options to be quoted. Mrs. Harrington was asked to check with Casella and Waste Management and see if they have seen anything like this in proposals.

C. Kowalski asked if it would be two separate trucks. He also asked about the ability to have what is emptied into the containers to be recorded. He noted that the haulers said that there is a camera that the driver can view as the carts are emptied into the truck. He thought there might be technology here or coming down the pike that may allow that. This would allow the town or company to address where there are issues.

R. Davis asked if other hauler would be invited to come in and speak with the committee. E. Cabral said no, Casella is our current vendor and came in to let us know where the industry is going. Waste Management also came in as our former vendor and is familiar with the town but to give us some direction as well. There would a pre-bid meeting for the bidders after the RFP has gone out and the bidding process is open to anyone. This meeting is likely to be held mid to late March/early April.

Current numbers- The total tonnage is up for the month of June compared to 2016 by about 16 tons and year to date up about 23 tons compared to the first 6 months in 2016. There needs to be a push on the recycling. E. Cabral stated that she would contact P. Williams to see about doing articles again on the recycling. R. Nugent stated that he sees an issue with the cardboard. The curbside collection of recycling may be going down because more people are dumping their cardboard at the transfer station instead of recycling it. There was also a note to verify that the trucks are starting empty each day.

Website Updates- E. Cabral has given some update to be made to the website to Mrs. Theriault. She noted most have been completed but there are a few more changes to be done. She also noted that there has been more interest in the Facebook page and is almost at 200 followers. She is working with Casella to get some information on fun facts.

Garbage Guerilla was held in May. The committee paid \$500 towards the cost and the balance of the \$500 was paid for with a grant from NH the Beautiful.

E. Cabral asked R. Nugent about an update from his meeting in Chester at their transfer station. R. Nugent reported that their facility is neat and clean. He pointed out that they are currently making money on their recycling and that it was possible for us to do so as well. He said that they stack the items into a tractor trailer unit until it is ready to go. He also pointed out that the person that runs that facility made some covers over the containers and that he found one that was light weight and strong that could be placed over a cardboard container that would cost about \$1,200. There was talk about our current transfer station and ways to make it more efficient such as a diagram for people to load their vehicles in the order of dropping it off. A lot of times people have to loop around in order to complete the visit. R. Nugent also pointed out that there was a large composting area but it turned out it didn't belong to the Chester transfer station. They did show him a small area in which they do compost but on a smaller scale. The swap shop works well in Chester, which had their building built by the Boy Scouts. R. Nugent pointed out that this could be a potential Eagle Scout project. R. Nugent stated that Mr. Healey and his wife run the transfer station and they bought 2 old Rolloffs from Candia for \$400 and \$600 and then he built the roof over them along with a door. He pointed out that they also take furniture and have actually made furniture available for people in need.

They charge \$3 for tires without rims and \$4 for tires with a rim. The backhoe pops the rim out. He did point out something that should be watched for at the transfer station and that is that there have been issues with items containing refrigerants being damaged as they are pushed around which leads to potential leaks. There is a fine if this were to happen and be discovered. At the Chester transfer station they remove the R-132 and can then turn the refrigerator over for scrap metal. R. Nugent stated that a few years ago they were making \$100,000 a year at the Chester station and are now closer to \$300,000.

Mike from the NRRA would be sending R. Nugent information on cardboard covers. P. Wentworth said that Sandown is brought in the way it is dropped off and there is no place to turn to loop through again. E. Cabral suggested that R. Nugent invite Mr. Healey down to our transfer station to see what he thinks and recommends. P. Wentworth will be invited to attend as well. There was also talk on the benefit of additional signage at the transfer station, which can be purchased from NH the Beautiful with points.

New Business

R. Davis may be interested in joining the committee. If she is still interested, she will send a letter to the Selectmen to ask to be appointed.

Motion to adjourn at 9:00 pm was made by C. Kowalski and seconded by P. Wentworth and passed 5-0.

NEXT MEETING

August 9, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

Continued discussion on RFP's

Future Agenda Item: Vendor from Cascade Cart Solutions

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Harrington,
Recording Secretary