

Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2017

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

Guests: None Present

MINUTES

The minutes from February 15, 2017 were approved by voice vote.

Old Business

E. Cabral did not contact the NRRA but will. T. Harrington contacted Casella regarding a one year extension. They agreed that they would enter into one and suggested a 2.5% minimum increase, based on CPI Northeast rates. The committee discussed the rates and calculated that the extension cost, which applies to all cost items in the contract except the curbside bulk pick up would be less than the way the current contract is increased. The suggested that a cap of 3% be countered so that they have a definite number to budget with and to present to the Selectmen. T. Harrington will contact Casella and see if they are in agreement.

The motion was made to recommend to the Selectmen to move forward with a one year extension for calendar year 2018, if Casella agrees to the min of 2 ½% to 3% increase limits by E. Cabral. A second was given by C. Kowalski and voice vote passed 4-0. E. Cabral will attend the Selectmen's meeting scheduled for March 13th and present the request.

New Business

Meeting with Casella- The Committee went over some questions that would like to go over with Casella such as where they see the industry going, what we can do to make their job easier, recycling industry and toters. There were numerous questions about damage to toters and who is responsible, who owns them, how many, what size. Then there were the issues of properties that would have an issue with toters and those that put out very little trash such as a bag.

Plastic Bags- The City of Portsmouth is having discussions on plastic bags and will be worth waiting to see what happens. It was noted that more public awareness is needed to remind people to bring their own bags.

St. Anne's- The Committee would be interested in having a table at the fair again to talk with residents about recycling and composting.

Motion to adjourn at 8:31 pm was made by E. Cabral and seconded by C. Kowalski and passed 4-0.

NEXT MEETING

April 12, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

Continued discussion on RFP's

Future Agenda Item: Meeting with Casella

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Harrington,
Recording Secretary