## Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee Meeting Minutes February 15, 2017

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

Guests: P. Williams

## **MINUTES**

The minutes from January 11, 2017 were approved by voice vote.

## **Old Business**

There was none

## **New Business**

The committee continued to discuss a potential RFP for curbside collection beginning 2018. The reviewed the current contract for the Town of Danville that was effective 1/1/17 to get an idea of changes in the market. One of the changes noted was that the tipping fee had a flat rate assessed and when the market went below, the town paid dollar for dollar the difference below. When the rate was over, the town received 50% of the difference as revenue.

The rates for Danville's collection, which has weekly curbside with a toter for trash and every other week recycling with a toter, were reviewed. It was estimated that Hampstead is double the properties. Based on the 2017 collection rate for Danville it would be about \$481,000 to collect with a toter system every week. The current 2017 Hampstead rate is \$431,000. That is a significant increase and it seems that the hauler owns the toters. It was noted that the toters are an estimated \$65 per tote if we were to purchase them which would be over \$200,000.

The Committee decided that it was better to have all the facts before bringing forward any changes to the current system and asked to see if Bestway/Casella would enter into a one year extension on the current contract.

Motion to adjourn at 8:33 pm was made by Mr. Wentworth and seconded by Mr. Kowalski and passed 3-0.

NEXT MEETING March 8, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

Continued discussion on RFP's Future Agenda Item: Plastic Bags

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Harrington, Recording Secretary