

**Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
August 8, 2018**

**PRESENT:** E. Cabral, (Chairman), C. Kowalski, P. Wentworth, and C. Cipriano  
(Absent: R. Nugent and R. Davis)

**GUEST:** Tony Belanger, Pinard Waste Systems and Selectman Joe Guthrie

**MINUTES**

P. Wentworth made a motion to approve the minutes of July 11, 2018. The motion was seconded by C. Cipriano. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

**OLD BUSINESS**

No old Business

**NEW BUSINESS**

Work Session with Pinard Waste

E. Cabral had prepared a list of frequently asked questions (FAQ) that they would like to have available to the residents as the process of the conversion to automated begins.

They began with a start date. The contract had a January 1<sup>st</sup> start but the week begins with December 31<sup>st</sup>. Casella was asked if they would be able to complete the week of December 31<sup>st</sup> but their response was no. They would however complete their contract on December 29<sup>th</sup>, if that would work, which is the end of that work week. T. Belanger was okay starting at the beginning of the week and suggested that the residents be educated on the change of the process/contractor and then the holiday putting some of the pickup days off by one day. This could all be part of the flyer that will be generated for the public.

The number of days for collection has not been decided yet. The process of reviewing the current routes is going on now, but he anticipates that it would stay four days. The attempt would be to keep it similar to the current schedule, but to make sure there is no lopsidedness. There should be an answer by the end of the week.

He stated that they would expect to deliver the carts around December 1<sup>st</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> but advise people to not start using them until December 31<sup>st</sup>. This will all be part of the flyer as well so people will know when to expect them. The question with the snowbirds and how to get them the carts or not leave them in the street, it was suggested to have in the flyer for them to contact the Town and a list could be kept for those. The Selectmen had also suggested that the Highway Department could move the ones they see still in the edge of the road. T. Belanger stated that he will be following up the first few weeks to make sure everything is working and will also move back those that he sees in the street still.

There was a concern amongst residents about what to do with the current recycling bins and barrels that people will no longer need. On January 12<sup>th</sup> and January 19<sup>th</sup>, there will be a truck that will collect the barrels and bins and crush them. Mrs. Harrington needs to see if the Middle School would be available to use the round driveway. This will also be in the flyer.

Mr. Belanger noted that he has a Director of Marketing named Amy and the committee will work with her on the flyer. The colors of the lids or barrels can be decided by the town and work with Dave Afonso at Rehrig Pacific.

E. Cabral asked about glass as a recyclable and whether or not a change should be made at the start of the new contract. She would like to have the imprint for the lid as up to date as possible. Mr. Belanger stated that educational information does not need to be imprinted on the lid, but he wants what the committee is comfortable with. He also pointed out that most people don't look at the lid. He reported that the recent newsletter for MRF (Materials Recovery Facility) says that all bags with any contamination in them will be rejected and charged the full rate plus a processing fee. Glass has been proactively removed from the recycling, but it is not a good mix to go into the trash. The suggestion is not to recycle curbside and to not put it in the trash, but rather take it to a recycling center. This way it is clean and more easily accepted. He suggested that if there are changes they can advertise. He expects that until the market turns around, there will be a lot of changes and new programs will need to be adopted. He wouldn't be surprised to see the cost close to \$100 per ton. Ms. Cabral felt that having what is allowed on the lid is helpful. Mr. Belanger felt the simpler the better.

He suggested that we reach out to Dave Afonso at Rehrig Pacific and he can help on the recycling side and what they see on the lids. C. Cipriano stated that the carts needed to be noticeable from a distance- as in one is recycling versus trash and likes to see the recycling symbol on them. Mr. Belanger responded to see what Rehrig Pacific he has for models to make a decision on. He also suggested that when they look at colors, they should be aware of the colors used in surrounding town. E. Cabral asked if they could pick the colors and the response was yes. The only request was that Pinard uses a black cart with a yellow top for the extra trash barrel.

Mr. Belanger was asked when the extra cart would be available for those that want one. He responded that it should be done the same time as the others. Having the Town Seal or Property of Town is good and simple to see when in another town. (if people move with them).

C. Kowalski asked about people being able to use a cart they may currently have. Mr. Belanger said that he would not want that because he is not going to be responsible for it. In the advertising for the new carts it should start that they belong to the town and stay with the property.

There was discussion about when the order would need to be placed. Mr. Belanger stated that it would take about 2-3 weeks, but thought about mid- October would be a good timeframe.

E. Cabral asked Mr. Belanger if they put warning stickers of issues as they go. Mr. Belanger stated that his drivers have a roll of stickers for different issues such as a "place cart here" or "cover was open, needs to be closed". There was discussion on whether the top needed to be closed or not. Mr. Belanger stated that it was a town preference. In Tilton the 95 Gallon cart needs to have the lid closed. In Hudson, they allow a little above the top. The truck comes in low and picks up the cart and what falls on the ground stays on the ground. C. Kowalski stated that cardboard was an issue, and may be difficult with a cart system. Mr. Belanger responded that it depends on how it is packed. He suggested it was best to fill the cart with the loose products then put flattened cardboard on top. He emphasized that you want to make it user friendly for people. Overflow with loose material is a problem but with boxes on top it tends to be more stable. A picture of how to fill it is helpful to have available. There was a question about putting paper in a bag and the response was a paper bag only.

The question came up about "snowbirds" and what to do about the carts for people that are away for the winter. Mr. Belanger suggested that these people make arrangements with neighbors to bring them in or make provisions to have brought in, such as contact town office to leave info for the possibility of the highway department bringing them in.

Mr. Belanger presented the signed contract but asked about the bonding required. He needed to know if the bond requirement included the cost of the carts and tipping. Mrs. Harrington responded that it should just be the cost of Pinards' curbside collection (services).

He mentioned that he would like to meet property owners or Associations for the condo complexes and mobile home parks.

He also suggested that there may be some options for Governors' Island such as leaving a few larger carts at the end and have people bring their trash to it on the way out and even stated that some places would have it behind some hedges. He stated that it will work and he would be willing to look at the areas of concern.

They discussed the start date of the contract. It is a difficult time to start whereas the Casella contract would expire Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, which would be the current way of collection. Tuesday would be a holiday and a day delay on the collection and then onto the new way of collection on Wednesday. It was agreed that Pinard would start on December 31<sup>st</sup> and do the normal Monday pick up on the new system. The rest of the week will be on a one day delay, and this will be part of the flyer to point out who starts when.

There was discussion on the small size barrel. Mr. Belanger responded that it doesn't need to be addressed. In Manchester he stated there are 47,000 residences and they ordered about 200 and he still has most of them left. He suggested that a small amount be ordered such as 30 and see how it goes.

Mr. Belanger and Mrs. Harrington will finish the list of streets and number of parcels so Pinard can determine how many days of pick up there will be and if there would be changes from the current schedule.

He told the committee they could reach out to him anytime.

**Motion to adjourn at 8:55 pm was made by P. Wentworth and seconded by C. Kowalski and passed 4-0.**

## **NEXT MEETING**

September 12, 2018

Respectfully Submitted, Tina Harrington, Secretary