Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee Meeting Minutes June 28, 2023

PRESENT; E. Cabral, R. Davis, P. Wentworth, C. Kowalski, and C. Cipriano Meeting started at 7:00 pm.

MINUTES

The committee reviewed the minutes of June 14, 2023.

Minutes from June 14, 2023 were read and approved as amended with a motion by P. Wentworth and a second by C. Cipriano. The motion passed 4-0-0 (R. Davis arrived after vote)

Old Business

The purpose of the meeting was the continued discussion on the Request for Proposal for the 2024-2028 Curbside Collection and Kent Farm Transfer Station.

C. Kowalski prepared a spreadsheet that took the proposed rates from Casella and Pinard for each of the proposed years. He took the rates and increased the tipping by 4%, which is the normal annual increase and did this for each of the years of the contract. When done, the total of the 5-year contract was at \$5,978,061 for Pinard and \$6,002,482 for Casella. The variance over the five years is \$24,421.00 between the two companies.

The committee discussed the positive of both companies in what they offer and the negatives. Some of the comments were that Casella is ahead of Pinard in some of the products offered for the resident such as their new app. They were also noted as being forward thinking in handling food waste and mattress recycling. Pinard offered the extra barrel program that didn't rely on the town resources. The curbside bulk program is going up in the proposal, but it would still be done monthly, as opposed to the Casella proposal of town wide pick up three times a year.

Pinard had a lower fuel rate cap at \$3.50 compared to Casella at \$4.00, but Pinard offered an incentive if the rate goes below the \$3.50 which could lead to cost savings (Page 6 of proposal).

T. Harrington was asked about both companies and she responded that the town has used both companies and they are both very good to work with and responsive.

The biggest concern came down to the notation from Casella on the proposal exceptions note 6. It states that "if Casella is awarded the contract, there may be a lead time for a new automated truck to be ordered and delivered. If a rental truck is needed, Casella would charge \$12,000/month per truck in order to mobilize by January 1, 2024". Casella was asked what the potential of this was and the response was, if awarded the contract, they would evaluate their inventory across the company and their pre-order trucks to avoid renting trucks. They also stated that if the Selectboard were interested in their proposal, this was something that they would evaluate and be able to provide feedback to the board.

It was estimated that if an individual contracted for its own pick-up service, it would be about \$250 to \$400 per year. Based on 3500 households, the overall budget cost would put the annual cost at \$320 per house, which is a good deal for what is provided. As Waste Management noted at the pre bid meeting, Hampstead offers a lot to our residents.

A motion was made by P. Wentworth to recommend that Pinard Waste proposal be accepted by the Board of Selectmen. The motion was seconded by R. Davis. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Motion to adjourn at 8:30 pm was made by P. Wentworth and seconded by C. Cipriano *The motion passed 5-0*.

Upcoming Events

Transfer Station will be open July 8^{th} and August 12th Curbside Bulk pick up – July 15^{th} and August 16^{th} .

NEXT MEETING

September 13, 2023 (July and August meetings are cancelled)

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Harrington, Secretary

