

**Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**June 14, 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 May 9, 2023.

*Minutes from May 9, 2023 were read and approved as amended with a motion by P. Wentworth and a second by C. Kowalski. The motion passed 5-0-0*

**Member Comments**

P. Wentworth reported that on Memorial Day, the dumpster and recycling container were both picked up, and both emptied into the same truck. T. Harrington noted that the last few times she looked in the recycling container, it had contamination (items that aren't recyclable) in it. This may be why it was dumped with the trash. He also noted that he will miss the July and August meetings.

E. Cabral- the 4<sup>th</sup> of July events are scheduled for June 24<sup>th</sup> and nothing was able to be put together. The committee will try again for next year to have a table and information available.

**Old Business**

*Painting of the Swap Shop trailer-* The previous painter decided that he didn't/couldn't do the work. R. Davis asked that the committee moved forward with the second company, Flying Colors Painting for \$1,500. R. Davis also noted that the painter may not get to the job until next spring, but will try to fit it in where they could.

**C. Kowalski made a motion to award the work to Flying Colors Painting for \$1,500 and for the funds to come from the Recycling Revolving Fund. The motion was seconded R. Davis. The motion passed 5-0.**

*Rug Making Class-* The class was held at the library on 5/25 and there were ten attendees, which was the max for the class. E. Cabral noted that it was a successful event, and that there were two people that asked about the committee.

E. Cabral reported that she paid J. King \$100 for doing the class and also paid \$75 for the Ortons to do the composting class held at the library in April, and asked to be reimbursed. She paid bought using Venmo.

**A motion was made to reimburse E. Cabral \$175 from the Recycling Revolving Fund by P. Wentworth with a second by C. Cipriano. The motion passed 5-0-0.**

**New Business**

The committee began the process of reviewing the proposals for the Trash/Recycling/Bulk Pickup and Kent Farm Transfer Station 2024-2028 Contract.

Vendor	2024 Collection Cost	Tipping	KF Roll Off	KF Tipping	Curbside Bulk
Casella Waste	\$ 607,000.00	\$ 95.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 155.00	\$170/hr, \$155/ ton
Pinard Waste	\$ 630,000.00	\$ 98.75	\$ 300.00	\$ 165.00	\$ 50.00
Waste Management	\$ 868,752.00	\$ 86.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 70.00

C. Kowalski prepared a spreadsheet in which he took the current budget/information and then took the proposal costs for the year 2024, 2026 and 2028 for each vendor. He then took the tonnage costs and increased them based on 4% growth (which is the normal growth factor used in budgeting for the department). The way it calculated out Pinard Waste Systems would be the cheaper company by year four.

He did note that in talking with T. Belanger recently there was an \$82 per ton cost for recycling build into the current contract, so we had been paying for recycling indirectly. There is a cost sharing section in each of the proposals along with a fuel cost escalator. There was discussion about what would determine contamination and it was noted that right now we could be at about a 7% contamination rate.

It was noted that Waste Management is way over Casella and Pinard Waste, so they won't be factored in going forward.

E. Cabral also looked at the numbers trying to see where Pinard was coming ahead as stated by C. Kowalski. She added 100 tons per year and her variance was the same as the one done by T. Harrington. It was noted that the rates for Pinard go up in the beginning but level off, whereas the Casella one starts lower and goes up quicker. C. Kowalski was asked to go back and calculate all the years of the contract to see how it works out for the next meeting. It was noted that we have worked with both companies and both would be good to work with. There are some small differences such as the curbside collection of bulk to also consider.

The committee agreed to meet again on June 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm, and review the adjusted spreadsheets. It was also agreed that the August 2023 meeting would be cancelled.

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

### **Upcoming Events**

Curbside Bulk pick up – June 17, 2023

Meeting to discuss the proposals- June 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

### **NEXT MEETING**

June 28, 2023

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Harrington, Secretary