



Town of Hopkinton, NH

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Solid Waste Disposal Study Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 4, 2014, 5:30 p.m. - Hopkinton Town Hall

Approved: August 18, 2014

Members Present: Mike Byrne, Art Cunningham, Denis Goddard, Richard Horner, Scott Zipke

Members Absent: Tom Congoran, Geoff Mirantz

Staff Present: Neal Cass (Town Administrator)

Others Present: Archie St. Hilaire (Casella)

Art Cunningham, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Town Hall.

Casella Presentation

Archie St. Hilaire from Casella introduced himself. He is the Municipal Solutions person for Casella and previously owned Bestway until it was sold to Casella.

Mr. Hilaire said that he would give information in very general terms. He feels that the future of the business is every other week pickup and that recycling will continue to become a larger part of the waste stream. He noted that we have a "Cadillac" transfer station.

Mr. Hilaire presented three options for curbside pickup.

Manual pickup (Trash in any bag and single bin recycling)

- Recycling rate in 15% range
- It would take 4 days a week to do pickup
- Cost
 - Trash pick-up 3 days/week = \$ 156,000 per year
 - Recycling pick-up 3 days/week= 130,000 per year
 - Estimated Disposal Costs 108,000 per year
 - TOTAL \$ 394,000 per year

Manual pickup with Pay-by-Bag (Trash in green bag and single bin recycling)

- Recycling rate in the 40%-50% range

- No significant cost difference as compared too manual pickup
- Cost (Same as with no Pay-by-Bag)
 - Trash pick-up 3 days/week = \$ 156,000 per year
 - Recycling pick-up 3 days/week= 130,000 per year
 - Estimated Disposal Costs 108,000 per year
 - TOTAL \$ 394,000 per year

Automated (One bin provided for trash, one for recycling)

- Recycling rate in the 32%-33% range
- It would take 2 days a week to do pickup
- Size of "trash" container helps to encourage recycling
- We can buy carts or company can provide them (cost is \$55-\$75 per cart)
- Containers last about 25 years
- Container stays with the property when sold
- Carts are considered to be neat.
- Cost
 - Trash pick-up 2 days/week = \$ 135,000 per year
 - Recycling pick-up 3 days/week= 125,000 per year
 - Estimated Disposal Costs 108,000 per year
 - Yearly Cart Cost 30,000 Per year
 - TOTAL \$ 398,000 per year

If pick-up were every other week, Mr. St. Hilaire estimated it would lower the cost by about \$100,000.

There was a brief discussion on what effect a change like this would have on the Transfer Station.

Mr. Cunningham suggested that the committee begin working through the charge at the next meeting.

The Town Administrator will create a comparison spreadsheet to compare actual cost to what the Town is currently spending.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Next meeting: Monday, August 18, 2014, 5:30 p.m. at the Town Hall

Neal Cass, Scribe