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Solid Waste Disposal Study Committee

Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 18, 2014, 5:30 p.m. - Hopkinton Town Hall

Approved: 9/2/2014

- Members Present:** Mike Byrne, Tom Congoran, Art Cunningham, Richard Horner, Geoff Mirantz
- Members Absent:** Denis Goddard, Scott Zipke
- Staff Present:** Neal Cass (Town Administrator)
- Others Present:** Frank Davis, Sally Embley, Mike Greenwood, Rich Houston

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

Acceptance of Minutes

Mr. Horner moved the acceptance of the Minutes of August 4, 2014. Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion.

VOTE: Mr. Byrne, Mr. Cunningham, and Mr. Horner voted in favor of the motion and Mr. Congoran and Mr. Mirantz abstained. The motion was declared passed, 3-0-2.

Curbside Pickup

The Town Administrator presented a summary sheet of the costs associated with curbside pickup based on the presentation from Casella at the last meeting. He explained the assumptions that were made for the summary and noted that the numbers are for discussion purposes only.

Discussion took place on a possible pilot program for curbside pickup using about 200 homes in town. It was questioned whether we could lease the transfer station to an outside contractor.

Mr. Mirantz moved that the committee recommend curbside pickup and that the transfer station be closed. There was no second to the motion.

There was discussion about the acceptance of septage at the transfer station and Mr. Horner agreed to contact Concord to see if they would accept Hopkinton septage.

Mr. Horner moved to enter a curbside pickup pilot program with Casella for 200 homes for a quarter to obtain a hard number for the cost of curbside pickup. Mr. Mirantz seconded the motion.

VOTE: Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Horner and Mr. Mirantz voted in favor with Mr. Byrne and Mr. Congoran voting against the motion. The motion was declared passed, 3-2.

Mr. Mirantz explained that he had contacted Dockham Trucking and Waste Management about curbside pickup with no response. All Clear gave a figure, but was not really interested in providing this service.

Mr. Congoran stated that he cannot imagine closing the Transfer Station, but can image not accepting septage. He said there is a need for a place to take construction debris and other items that cannot be picked up curbside.

Mr. Horner moved to reconsider the vote to enter into a curbside pilot program. Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion.

VOTE: Mr. Byrne, Mr. Congoran, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Horner and Mr. Mirantz voted in favor and the motion was declared passed, 5-0.

There was a brief discussion about the ramifications of change on the contract with the Town of Webster.

Discussion continued on the curbside pilot program for 200 homes with Casella providing carts. It was questioned whether there would be a cost to the Town for this pilot. Mr. Mirantz will obtain details about this pilot program from Casella and will also discuss this with Steve Clough.

Mr. Horner moved that the Committee recommend to the Select Board that the Town enter into a curbside pickup pilot program with Casella for 200 homes for a quarter. Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion.

VOTE: Mr. Byrne, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Horner, and Mr. Mirantz voted in favor of the motion with Mr. Congoran voting against. The motion was declared passed 4-1.

Mrs. Embley stated that Webster cannot get by without the Transfer Station.

Mr. Greenwood said that when the hauler raises rates, people in Webster won't be able to afford it.

Due to the Labor Day holiday, the committee set the next meeting date for Tuesday, September 2.

Mr. Cunningham stated that at the next meeting the committee needs to start making the hard decision.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 2, 2014, 5:30 p.m. at the Town Hall

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