



Town of Hopkinton, NH

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Solid Waste Disposal Study Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 15, 2014, 5:30 p.m. - Hopkinton Town Hall

Approved: 09/29/2014

Members Present: Mike Byrne, Tom Congoran, Art Cunningham, Richard Horner

Members Absent: Denis Goddard, Geoff Mirantz, Scott Zipke

Staff Present: Neal Cass (Town Administrator)

Others Present: Sally Embley, Bob LaPree

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. Byrne moved the acceptance of the Minutes of September 2, 2014. Mr. Congoran seconded the motion.

VOTE: Mr. Byrne, Mr. Congoran, Mr. Cunningham, and Mr. Horner voted in favor of the motion. The motion was declared passed, 4-0.

Archie St. Hillaire-Casella

Mr. St. Hillaire said he was in the area and would be happy to answer any additional questions that the committee may have. He said that going to curbside pickup is not going to eliminate the Transfer Station. He suggested that if the Town were to move forward that an RFP be put out for prices on both manual and automated pickup.

Review of Cost Numbers

The Town Administrator reviewed conceptual numbers for the cost of implementing curbside pickup. He reminded the group that tipping fees will go up when the trash that currently is pickup up at homes and taken out of town, is added to what is currently being handled. The costs summarize as follows:

CURRENT TRANSFER STATION AS IS NOW OPERATING

Cost to Taxpayers	\$194,599
Tax Impact	\$0.294 per thousand
Cost for \$250,000 home	\$ 73.50

CURBSIDE WITH TRANSFER STATION CLOSED (committee does not recommend this)

Cost to Taxpayers	\$ 536,071
Tax Impact	\$ 0.810 per thousand
Cost for \$250,000 home	\$ 202.48
% Increase over current	175.5%

CURBSIDE WITH TRANSFER STATION MODIFIED USE

Cost to Taxpayers	\$ 632,833
Tax Impact	\$ 0.956 per thousand
Cost for \$250,000 home	\$ 239.02
% Increase over current	225.2%

Review of Current Resident Costs to Transport Trash to the Transfer Station

The committee reviewed the numbers prepared by Scott Zipke and Tom Congoran analyzing the current cost to residents to transport trash to the Transfer Station. The costs include gas and the yearly cost of green bags.

From Contoocook center	\$ 96.85
From Hopkinton center	\$ 110.50
From Southwest corner	\$ 133.25
From Southeast corner	\$ 146.90

Public Comment

Bob LaPree commented that curbside has merit, but the green bags should be kept to help pay for the program. He suggested that Webster take over the operation of the Transfer Station. Mr. Cunningham noted that the committee decided in the beginning that with the Transfer Station in Hopkinton, it should not be run by another town.

Motion

Mr. Horner moved that the committee recommend to the Select Board that an RFP be prepared for single stream recycling and household trash curbside pickup using either the manual or automated systems with the Transfer Station remaining open to accept appliances, electronics, tires, wheels, asphalt shingles, compostable materials such as leaves and manure, BBQ grills and cylinders, storm debris (tree limbs-structure damage) used petroleum products, septage, and residential construction debris. Mr. Congoran seconded the motion.

VOTE: Mr. Byrne, Mr. Congoran, Mr. Cunningham, and Mr. Horner voted in favor of the motion. The motion was declared passed, 4-0.

The committee requested a comparison of operation costs depending on how many days the Transfer Station is open.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Next meeting: Monday, September 29, 2014, 5:30 p.m. at the Town Hall

Neal Cass, Scribe