

A meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Monday, March 30, 2015 at 5:30 pm.

Present: Martin Crowley, Chairman; David Sheedy, Clerk; William Dowling; George Samia, Town Administrator; Catherine Johnson, Administrative Assistant

John Haines, Director of Public Works was present to discuss the Towns current municipal solid waste program and possible future programs. Mr. Haines handed out a brief summary to the Board with possible program options for the future.

A lengthy discussion was held with regards to the current contract expiring and options to extend the contract in order to put together a plan for the future.

M/Sheedy, s/Dowling, motion to adjourn.

VOTE: Yes – Crowley, Sheedy, Dowling; a unanimous vote in favor

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm



Board of Selectmen Clerk

Town of East Bridgewater

Currently the Town utilizes a Pay As You Throw (PAYT) program providing approximately 4000 residents with weekly curb side collection of household waste. There is a \$3 per yellow bag for residents to dispose of their trash at the curb. This service is provided through a contract with Republic Services at an annual cost of approximately \$273,162.00 for FY2015

The trash collected is then incinerated at the Covanta waste to energy facility in Rochester MA for a per ton fee of \$92.50 per ton. The Town generated approximately 1896 tons of trash in 2014 for a cost of \$175,380.

The Town also provides bi-weekly single stream collection of recyclable materials to approximately 3450 residents. There is a \$75 annual fee for residents to utilize these services. This service is also provided through a contract with Republic Services at an annual cost of approximately \$204,838.00

These are both optional services provided and intended to be a benefit for our residents. There is no requirement that either be a mandatory program.

There are additional administrative and operating cost such as operating the recycling center located off Bridge Street, costs of producing 175,000 yellow bag annually and household hazard waste days which cumulatively represent an additional \$164,620.00 of the entire FY2015 budget of \$818,000.00 budget.

The Towns current collection contracts with Republic Services expire on June 30, 2015 while our disposal contract with Covanta expires on June 30, 2016.

✓ Below I have identified what I feel are the three most realistic options for the Town to exercise at this time;

- A. Continue with current services at the level provided i.e. PAYT Program administered through Town
- B. Restructure program to be subscription based i.e. providing automated trash collection on annual subscription basis administered through Town
- C. Remove the Town from the equation; individual residences would have to procure the services entirely on their own.

As with everything all of these options present different pros and cons that I am happy to discuss with the Board at greater length when we meet. If you have any questions as always please feel free to contact me.

Regards

John