

Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee

Meeting Minutes September 21, 2011

PRESENT: Pat Bracken, Chairman, Ellen Cabral, Bob Nugent, Bob Golden,
Absent Chris Kowalski

Guests: Mike Hastings (Bestway Disposal), Eric Lipsky (Northside Carting), Robert George (Northside Carting), Mike Donovan (Zero Waste), Peter Emanuel (Zero Waste), Stan Emanuel (Zero Waste), Peter Lachapelle (Waste Management) and Kevin Banfield (Dorado Services)

Chairman Bracken opened the work session.

The purpose of the meeting was to meet with prospective bidders for the curbside trash collection, curbside recycling collection and tipping fees. The meeting was not mandatory.

It was explained to the audience that the Town of Hampstead is looking for three proposals. There is concern with the tipping proposal and Chairman Bracken explained it. There is a note on the tipping fee proposal that states if the bidder has a negotiated price with a facility for the tipping, they can include that price on the tipping proposal and note that it is contingent on them being awarded the curbside. Mr. George remarked that doesn't work and that the hauler needs to know where the MSW (municipal solid waste) is going to. He also suggested that the tipping proposal go out and be awarded, then the curbside one. Chairman Bracken suggested that a radius be used. There are only so many places that the MSW could be taken to. Mr. George felt that wouldn't work. Mr. Emanuel agreed that it is nice to know where they are going if they are just a hauler. Chairman Bracken agreed that the next time the proposals are due they will look at doing the tipping first (i.e. August) so that it would be set when the curbside proposals go out.

There were a few emailed questions and Chairman Bracken went over them. The Town is currently single stream recycling. It was asked if the Town was interested in pick up every other week. The committee was asked and they were not interested in that right now. There was a question on the automated collection with toters and whether or not the Town was interested. Mr. Nugent responded that it is the way to go, but the Town was not ready yet. The question was asked if they could quote an automated system. The response was if it is in the proposal, it would be looked at.

There was a question about the size of the dumpsters in town and how often they are emptied. The ones at the ballfields and town garage are 2 or 4 yard containers and believe they are emptied weekly.

Bulk items and yard waste are not included. The current hauler is Bestway Disposal at an annual cost of \$385,000 and the tipping is at Waste Management Turnkey (Rochester) at \$70 per ton. The tipping for the recycling is the responsibility of the hauler

Chairman Bracken thanked all for attending. The proposals are due in Thursday, October 6th by 4:00 pm.

NEXT MEETING

October 12, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.- To review the RFP's

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Harrington,
Recording Secretary