

Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee

Meeting Minutes October 12, 2011

PRESENT: Pat Bracken, Chairman, Ellen Cabral, Bob Nugent, Chris Kowalski
Absent Bob Golden
Guests: Mike Hastings (Bestway Disposal), Katie Hare (EL Harvey)

Chairman Bracken opened the meeting.
Minutes of September 14th and September 21st were approved as written.

Review of RFP

The members of the committee were all sent copies of the proposals to review prior to the meeting.

Katie Hare, of EL Harvey, after reviewing the results of the proposals, withdrew their proposal whereas they were so much higher.

They looked at the fuel escalation as well as other options provided by the bidders. There were some companies that offered a 4 day collection, as well as going to an every other week recycling pick up. The committee agreed that they would like for the collection to be the as it is now, trash and recycling weekly and with the 5 day collection we currently have. With all the changes that the committee has discussed implementing in the past, (i.e. pay as you throw), they realize that the residents don't want any changes at this time. They agreed to look at the proposals that offer Zero Waste was discussed as one of the low bidders. The RFP required a minimum of 5 years doing municipal business and they don't have any.

After factoring in the fuel surcharge along with the three year costs for tipping, curbside collection of MSW and curbside of recycling, the Committee is going to recommend to the Selectmen to award the contract for each proposal to Bestway Disposal. They will explain that after discounting the experience with Zero Waste, Bestway is the low bidder.

NEXT MEETING

November 9, 2011 at 7:30 p.m

Respectfully Submitted, (from notes of the committee)

Tina Harrington,
Recording Secretary