

Recycling and Transfer Advisory Committee

Minutes of Meeting October 27, 2009

Members Present: Richard Bairam (Turk) , Roger Duhaime; Committee Chair, George Longfellow, Bob Schroeder

Absent: Merrill Johnson, Martin Cannata (excused)

The meeting began at 6:40. The Committee reviewed the minutes of August 25, 2009. Turk motioned to accept the minutes as presented, second by Bob. George abstained. The minutes were accepted.

There was a discussion on automated. George had figures that he changed from the ones provided by the Finance Department. He believes we will not need a second crew for quite some time due the slow growth in Hooksett. Diane and Roger argued that a truck will have to be replaced at some time and a direction will still need to be made before a truck can be purchased. Diane argued that with automated, having to hire no new employees, even with growth will be a savings immediately.

Diane had put a questionnaire out during Old Home Day. The questionnaire asked residents if they would support a curbside recycling program if they had to put it in the tax base, or purchase the barrels on their own. Out of 47 questionnaires it was overwhelming that residents do want a curbside recycling program. Attached please find the results.

The was a discussion on the CIP. Diane will be bringing the project information to the Committee. She realizes that it is a tough economy but knows that the project is an upfront cost but it will result in future savings. Diane will remind Roger about the meeting as he would like to attend.

Diane has been working on the budget and has contacted several other disposal sites. She questioned Wheelabrator regarding lowering disposal fees and they immediately met with her. They have reduced their rates and have proposed an amendment to the contract. Diane is checking into all options.

The Concord Co-op has updated Diane on the progress of the single stream facility. Two more communities have signed on. The results are going slow but they are still confident that the facility will move forward. The effort to increase the contracted recyclables will reduce the cost to the Towns.

The Committee was questioning whether there was a way to keep money that is not spent on disposal fees in a fund to help with the automated project. Diane will check with finance to see if a proposed warrant article would be legal.

Turk motioned to adjourn at 8:45, second by George. All in favor.

TOWN OF HOOKSETT
RECYCLING QUESTIONNAIRE

Total of 47 questionnaires

Would you consider voting for a curbside recycling Program if the Town raised the money through taxation at an estimated .30 centers per thousand (one year impact)

Yes _____ **36** _____ **No** _____ **7** _____

Would you consider voting for a curbside recycling program if you, as a resident, needed to purchase the containers at a one time cost of \$60.00 each (no money raised through taxes)

Yes _____ **42** _____ **No** _____ **5** _____

Do you own a home in Hooksett? **45 yes, 2 rent** _____

of people living in residence **aver. 3.06** _____

Thank you!