

Recycling and Transfer Advisory Committee
Minutes of Meeting
September 28, 2010

Members Present: Roger Duhaime; Chairperson, George Longfellow; Council Rep., Martin Cannata, Ray Bonney, Richard Bairam, Merrill Johnson, Robert Schroeder,

The meeting began at 6:30. Martin moved to accept the minutes as presented, second by Merrill. All in favor.

There was a lengthy discussion on the single stream recycling program. Diane is waiting for bids for a temporary disposal site. She is receiving bids from EcoMaine, Waste Management and Casella Waste. She hopes to start the single stream program in the beginning of December to increase recycling during the holidays. George explained the vote was for the contract, she needs to go to the Council to begin single stream. Diane does not believe that she has to. Diane will talk to Carol.

Diane explained that the next step was to push forward with the automated collection program. She has submitted a CIP for the project. George does not feel that it should be in a CIP. Diane will talk to Christine. We have $\frac{3}{4}$ of the money needed for the project in the special revenue fund. We will need to raise \$240,000 more for the project to begin. In a survey that was done at Hooksett Old Home Day, it is clear that residents want a curbside recycling program.

The results were as follows:

49 total surveys completed

31 residents voted to put it in taxes or buy the barrels

8 residents voted to put it in taxes

4 residents voted to purchase the barrels

5 residents (3 of whom do not own homes) voted No to anything

Diane talked to Christine and presently if we were to put it in the tax base it is \$.15 per thousand for a one-year impact (cheaper than the \$60 needed to purchase the barrels)

It was the consensus of the Committee to put the funding in the taxes.

George gathered information for a spread sheet regarding the cost of automated collection and how it will be more than the present system. The majority of the Committee believed Georges figures to be wrong.

Martin informed the Committee that there was going to be a show on Wednesday night (9/29) at 9:00 on NSNBC regarding trash and recycling and suggested that if members of the Committee had time they should watch.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20. The next meeting is scheduled for 10/26/10.