

The Chair, Jenifer Landman, called the scheduled public session to order at 7:00pm. Those present included Lloyd Sullivan, Allen Hines (selectmen) and Russell McAllister, (Town Administrator).

Ms. Landman explained that the question and comments period was being scheduled for after the Selectmen Issues section of the meeting.

Selectmen Issues

Solid Waste

Mr. Ganotis briefed those assembled regarding free curbside recycling negotiated by the Solid Waste Committee and Waste Management. Mr. Ganotis explained that recycling rates were very low (17%) in North Hampton. The tipping fee of approximately \$54 per ton was very favorable to the Town because of the Town's membership in 53-B (solid waste district), which had negotiated the favorable rate with Waste Management. Mr. Ganotis explained that current market rate for other municipalities and businesses were very close to \$100 per ton. Removing the recyclables from the waste stream provided Waste Management with additional capacity in their landfill. This additional capacity could be sold at a higher rate to other customers and was the impetus behind Waste Management's decision to provide free recycling to North Hampton residents. It was also explained that Waste Management would offload recyclables prior to weighing the load to calculate the tipping fee. Ms. Landman asked if recycle bins were included and whether rain soaked newspapers would present a problem. Mr. Ganotis replied that Waste Management was looking at providing recycle bins and that wet newspapers did not, as a general rule, represent much as a percentage of the total recycled newspapers and were therefore not a problem. It was further explained that mixed recyclables would be collected one week and newspaper and cardboard collected the following week. Mr. Ganotis recommended that the Board close the current transfer station. A question was raised concerning the closure of the transfer station and the impact it would have on residents in mobile home parks who utilized the current transfer station. Mr. Ganotis explained that a different trash hauler served the mobile home parks and that mobile home parks were considered commercial accounts. The recycling proposal from Waste Management covered only residential accounts. Mr. Landman expressed concern over the length of the contract with Waste Management and the closure of the recycling center noting his mistrust for large corporations. Mr. Ganotis disagreed noting that the recycling issue was separate from his recommendation to close the Town's recycling Center. Similar discussion ensued. Mr. Mixer expressed disappointment with the Board's lukewarm reception to the recycling proposal noting that the Solid Waste Committee had worked on the issue for the last 15 years. Mr. Sullivan made the motion (noting his enthusiastic support) to accept the recycling proposal from Waste Management pending contract review. Mr. Hines seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

Mr. Ganotis spoke to the need to adopt an anti-scavenging ordinance that prevented individuals from scavenging recyclables such as aluminum cans placed out for pick-up. It was noted that the adoption of ordinances requires public notice and holding three Selectmen meetings will meet the public notice requirements. The language of the anti-scavenging ordinance is listed below.

Anti Scavenging Ordinance

“Any recyclable material appropriately placed at the curb / roadside for collection by the Town contracted recycling vendor, or delivered to the Town recycling drop-off center, becomes the property of the Town and no person not permitted by the Town shall collect such material except as specifically authorized by the Town.”

Mr. Sullivan made the motion to approve the above anti-scavenging ordinance. Mr. Hines seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

Mr. Hines suggested that the potential tipping fee savings from the recycling program be used to increase the frequency of bulky waste disposal program from the current biannual to quarterly. Brief discussion ensued. Mr. Hines made a motion to increase the frequency of the bulk waste disposal program from biannual to quarterly. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

Other....Resignation

Ms. Landman noted that she had received a letter from Ms. Priscilla Leavitt tendering her resignation as a member of the Heritage Commission. Ms. Landman expressed her thanks for Ms. Leavitt's contributions and noted that there was now a vacancy on the Heritage Commission should anyone be interested in serving.

Other....Abenaki Carriers

Ms. Landman noted that a tanker truck had hit a telephone pole while negotiating the corner from Route 1 onto South Road. Ms. Landman expressed concern because the truck had been carrying jet fuel and after colliding with the utility pole there had been a spill. Mr. Thomas Lambert explained that a PSNH supervisor had been contacted after the accident so that PSNH could examine the damage to determine whether a replacement pole was necessary. Asked about the safety of the intersection Mr. Page (Police Chief) noted that 50 to 60 trucks negotiated that intersection a day without mishap. In his opinion it was not a dangerous intersection. Ms. Landman asked whether or not fully loaded fuel trucks were parked at Abenaki Carrier's location on South Road. Mr. Lambert said that he did not believe they were. Ms. Landman asked the TA to have the Building Inspector review the situation. The agreed to have the Building Inspector address the issue.

Other....Seacoast MPO / Reaffirm Representation

Ms. Landman noted that the RPC had sent a letter asking for the Town to reaffirm its representation on the Seacoast MPO. Ms. Landman noted that Mr. Bob Landman was currently serving as the MPO representative and was still willing to do so. Mr. Sullivan made the motion to reappoint Mr. Landman. Mr. Hines seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

Other....KI Distribution

Ms. Landman asked about the status of the State's potassium iodide distribution plan. Mr. Lambert noted that the State had not yet developed the plan for North Hampton.

Other....Website Design

Ms. Landman noted that the contact list for responsible content providers by department did not include the email addresses of department heads. The TA acknowledged that he had sent only the phone numbers to Ms. Landman because the department heads did not have email at this time.

Questions & Comments

Fire Chief Thomas Lambert noted that the new pump truck had arrived. There being no more comments from the public Mr. Hines made the motion to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (a) to discuss personnel issue. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

The non-public session began at approximately 8:25pm. The Board reconvened in public session at approximately 9:15pm. Mr. Sullivan excused himself from the meeting noting that his grandchildren were leaving in the morning and he wanted to make sure he tucked them in and said good-bye.

Mr. Hines made the motion to approve the meeting minutes of June 18th as amended and the non-public minutes of June 24th. Ms. Landman seconded the motion. Mr. Sullivan was absent but the vote was otherwise unanimous and so moved.

Selectmen's Minutes
8 July 2002
7:00pm

The selectmen reviewed correspondence and/or signed:

Administration/Business

- a. Minutes - June 18th, 24th 2002
- b. Payroll
- c. Manifest
- d. Cemetery Deed – (Steve & Loralin Pearce)
- e. [CDBG – Capacity Building Grant Contract](#)

The TA explained that the CDBG contract for additional funding for the Seacoast Business Alliance was ready for signature and that previous action by the Board at the CDBG Public Hearing authorized the TA to sign the contract. The TA reviewed the contract with the Board and signed.

- f. [Dennis Mires – Plan Specs \(elevator\)](#)

The TA showed the Board the plan specifications for the elevator as provided by Dennis Mires. It was explained that a pre-bid conference was scheduled for the following day and that bids were due in shortly thereafter. The TA further explained that the General Contractors were urged to get quotes from local subcontractors.

- g. [DES – State Landfill Closure Program](#)

The TA explained that the DES was remitting an SRF grant payment to the Town for the OU-II phase (monitoring) of the Coakley Landfill. The DES document asks whether or not any outside funding (i.e., insurance settlement/payment) had been received during the last year for costs associated with landfill closure. The TA replied that he had reviewed the document with the Town Attorney and Aries Engineering and it was determined that no payment had been received during the last year for landfill closure.

There being no further business to come before the Board Mr. Hines made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Landman seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved. The public meeting adjourned at approximately 9:55pm.

Respectfully,

Russell McAllister
Town Administrator