

May 26, 2009

The Stonington Resources Recovery Authority held a special meeting on this date at 10:10 a.m. at the Stonington Town Hall in the First Selectman's Office. Present were First Selectman Edward Haberek and Selectman Peter Balestracci. Also present was John Phetteplace, Solid Waste Manager. Absent was Selectman William Brown.

1.) Call to Order

Mr. Haberek called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

2.) Discussion

a. Yellow Bags

Mr. Phetteplace stated that we have had the same vendor for several years and have had good service. However, they have changed hands and are now located in Florida and have increased the minimum order amount. Mr. Phetteplace has spoken with Phoenix Recycling among others and it appears that we may be able to get a better price.

A motion was made by Mr. Haberek, seconded by Mr. Balestracci and voted unanimously to send the Yellow Bags to bid. Bid will include a tie handle or drawstring closure type trash bag.

b. Residential Collection

Mr. Phetteplace has prepared bid specs. for all of the districts other than Quambaug because we just bid Quambaug last year. The low bid happens to be M.J. Sauchuk who has the districts on either side of Quambaug. M.J. Sauchuk folded Quambaug into his existing route. Mr. Phetteplace stated that our current rates are anywhere from \$3.60-\$6.51 per household depending on the fire district. M.J. Sauchuk and F.E. Crandall are willing to renew with no increase. Some members of the Board of Finance think we should go out to bid. Mr. Phetteplace did check around for prices and stated that current prices are above \$7.80 per household and there are not many residential contracts to use for comparison. Mr. Phetteplace was concerned that by going out to bid that we could actually see a price increase. Mr. Balestracci stated that we

should keep it the same. Mr. Haberek agreed with Mr. Balestracci. Mr. Phetteplace stated we can always decide to go out to bid at a later date.

c. Updates

Mr. Phetteplace updated Mr. Haberek and Mr. Balestracci with regard to the Solid Waste, Recycle Bank, SMART (Save money and reduce trash) and Single Stream.

3.) Adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristine Bell
Recording Secretary