

MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Friday, December 6, 2019

MSD OFFICE, 43 West Bow Street, Franklin, NH

Chair Scott Clarenbach called the meeting to order at 2 p.m.

Members Present: Councilor Clarenbach (Chair); Councilor Starkweather; Councilor Trudel; Councilor Desrochers; Councilor Dzujna; City Manager Milner; Director Sullivan.

Item # 1 – Solid Waste Disposal and Collection

Scott asked if the categories will be budgeted. This item should be broken down to Disposal; Curbside Collection; Recycling and Transfer Station. A brief discussion took place.

The meeting content and discussion evolved around a report prepared by Director Sullivan entitled “City Council Workshop/Solid Waste Disposal” that was reviewed by the full City Council on Monday, November 19, 2019. At the direction of the full Council, it was voted to refer this subject to the Municipal Services Committee, hence this meeting of the M.S.D. Committee.

- Disposal: Brian Sullivan stated that there is a shortage in landfill capacity. Jim Presher is starting negotiations with Wheelabrator. Brian stated that we still have recyclable markets – problem is single stream. Note: 60 tons curbside pick-up weekly; 30 tons brought to Transfer Station weekly. We need to do a trash audit to see what is coming into the Transfer Station vs. what is being picked up curbside. Ideas for changes: sticker fee; change curbside pick-up to three units and below; yearly barrel fee. All were part of Brian’s report.
- Curbside Collection: Scott suggested putting savings from four units and over not being picked up curbside towards purchasing new truck. Judie suggested using \$290,000 for one truck now and put savings of over three units into fund balance for second purchase in four years? Scott proposed pulling money from fund balance to pay for a new vehicle.

Following opening remarks, Brian followed the report outline (attached). Topics included in the discussion are as follows and can be found in detail.

- Key questions that need to be considered.
- Estimated Tonnage for Fiscal Year 2020 to Wheelabrator.
- Fiscal Year 2020 Current City Solid Waste Budget.
- Curbside Collection utilizing the option of outsourcing and creating incentives for a private public partnership.
- Potential for improved operations at the Transfer Station.
- Alternatives/Action Items to be considered.
- Establishing a revised base level service and other Solid Waste Ordinance Changes

The Committee agreed to have two additional meetings: December 20th and December 27th.

Meeting was adjourned. 4:10 p.m.