

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SELECTMEN'S MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2011

PRESENT: Willard J. Boulter, Jr. (Chairman), Daniel W. Trabucco (Vice-Chairman), Lewis W. Stone (Clerk), Arthur P. Boyle, Jr. (Selectman), Edwin J. Thorne (Town Administrator), Diane M. Tobin (Executive Assistant), Mikaela Slaney, Tom Driscoll, Leonard Rusczyk, Edward Barry.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 6:35 pm.

CURBSIDE TRASH PICK-UP AND RECYCLING: The Town Administrator explained the handouts that he presented which summarized the costs for curbside trash and recycling, reflecting the price to the town under the current SEMAS and Del Prete contracts and the costs associated of running the current recycling center.

Part IB showed the proposed costs based on 6,000 tons per year. Mr. Thorne would propose that the recycling center hours be reduced to possibly only two days per week. The average cost of running the recycling center is about \$1300 per day. Mr. Thorne figures that in the first year of a 5 year project, the cost for curbside pick up, curbside recycling, capping the landfill, and recycle center being open for two days, would amount to \$1,669,000. Mr. Boyle noted that some items would still need to be taken to the recycling center, such as air conditioners, refrigerators, car batteries, etc. so the center should be open at least one day per week.

Part IIB adds the purchase of recycling totes for each household. It would be a cost of \$260,000 for 6 thousand 64-gal. totes which would be delivered to individual homes. This breaks down to about \$34.00 per tote under the state contract, and the totes could be delivered by July 1st. The loan for this would be paid back over 5 years and Pembroke will get a grant to be reimbursed \$10.00 per tote for the purchase of these products.

Part IIIB showed the downpayment of \$100,000 to lower the borrowing amount to purchase the totes for residents. This money could come from last year's free cash and trash revenue. Mr. Thorne will review with the Town Accountant the option to buy the totes outright using the free cash and trash revenue as opposed to financing the full price.

Discussion ensued relative to access to the landfill off Learning Lane during construction and capping. Mr. Thorne advised that he is working on a plan for condos and apartment buildings that have private haulers. They currently pay \$135 per unit and must be provided with the means to recycle. He is also working with the schools and will be meeting with Superintendent Hackett, other school representative, and the Recycling Committee Chairman to discuss the education of students on recycling.

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Mr. Stone noted that a new contract would have to be negotiated with Covanta. Other companies have been investigated but their prices were much higher than the current hauler. He noted that by increasing recycling it would decrease the amount of trash to be hauled. It was noted that the current hauler suggests it would be easier, more effective and less costly to the Town to go single stream recycling. Norwell had dual stream and the participation dwindled and it became more costly when recyclables were not properly separated. Mr. Stone also suggested the idea of further limiting the number of trash barrels allowed and whether or not the hauler should pick up the trash if no recycle bin is put out.

Mr. Boyle moved, seconded by Mr. Stone, to direct the Town Administrator to initiate the project and accept proposals for curbside trash pick up and recycling and to purchase of bins for every household in Pembroke. Voted 4-0 unanimously in favor.

Information should go out with the trash bills as well as putting it on the website, community tv bulletin, newspapers, and announced at town meeting.

Mr. Boyle moved, seconded by Mr. Stone, to recess this meeting subject to the call of the chair to a time certain in order to allow a quorum of members to attend the meeting of the Insurance Advisory Group tomorrow evening, Thurs., March 24th at 6:30 pm.

The meeting was recessed at 7:35 pm

Three members of the Board of Selectmen attended the Insurance Advisory Meeting and heard the presentation and discussion. No votes were taken.

Meeting adjourned.