

Trash & Recycling Task Force Ad Hoc Committee

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MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Steve Schoonveld, Select Board Member
Lee Azinheira, DPW Director
Mike Ahern, Public Buildings/Special Projects Manager
Christina Collins, DPW Office Manager
Neil Rhein, Select Board Member
Jack Cooney, Finance Committee
Graham Wilson, Board of Health

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MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Kevin Dumas, Town Manager
Amy Donovan-Palmer, Board of Health

SPECIAL GUEST:

Kathi Mirza, MassDEP
Regional Municipal Assistance Coordinator
Jessica Wozniak

1. Call to Order –

Reading of virtual meeting law –

2. Approval of Minutes –

Approval of March 29, 2021 and April 8, 2021 Meeting Minutes; Mike makes a motion to approve the minutes; Lee seconds motion; roll call vote motion passes 5-0 to approve the March 29, 2021 and April 8, 2021 Minutes.

3. Resident Questions & Comments –

Mr. Bryer of 187 Copeland Drive would like the current cost per ton of trash and recycling at the current time. Currently it is roughly 69.82 per ton for trash and \$66.00 per ton for recycling. Mr. Schoonveld does advise resident that trash and recycling make up roughly 2% of the Town's budget.

4. Survey Discussion

Jessica has been working on the surveys and compiling a lot of information with regard to same. Committee feels the overall take from survey is that people think the trash/recycling program we currently have is working. Residents would like to see more education on what can be recycled and what cannot. Jessica will continue to review the surveys and compile the information. Discussion about what Committee would like to see in survey results.

5. Development of Recommendations for the Select Board –

Discussions begin as to recommendations that the Committee is going to make to the Select Board at either the June 2 or possibly June 16 Select Board Meeting. Steve is creating a document of how the presentation should look – after an introduction of the committee and its mission and purpose, the presentation could be broken down as follows:

Update

Present current program, current costs, per household figures and existing contracts and other important information;

Results of Survey

Breakdown of survey information that Committee wants to highlight; along with main comments- mostly that residents seem happy or satisfied with current program and would like more recycling education;

Service Recommendations & RFP

Discuss recommendations which may include continuing with similar program as we currently have for both trash & recycling; possibility of a fee to upgrade from the standard 64 gallon carts to a 96 gallon cart for each trash and recycling; should small business and multi-families four or less still be included in program; continuation of bulky and white good stickers; would like to conduct an audit of the existing containers for compliance purposes and various other issues;

Additional Recommendations and Considerations

Could be ideas to reduce tonnage; ideas to reduce recycling contamination which could include stickers on the bins so that residents can see what should actually go in there; ideas for hazardous waste; improvements to the Mansfield Green and review of prices especially for CRTs; other ideas such as re-use facility; by-law changes; donation collection bins, review of regulations, which are quite old.

Tasks Going Forward

Ideas of what the Committee or the Town could work on going forward -

6. Discussion of Recommendations for RFP and Status Update

Meeting with Kessler regarding what the RFP should look like is going well. Will meet again with Kessler to continue working on same. Discussion continues about the RFP and good idea of what should be included but need to finalize exactly how committee wants the RFP to look and what the Committee wants to include in the RFP exactly.

7. Next Meeting

May 18 at 4:30 p.m. and June 8 at 6:00 p.m.

8. Adjournment

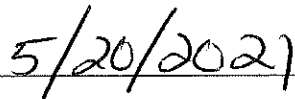
Lee makes motion to adjourn; Mike seconds motion to adjourn; Roll call vote to adjourn.
Motion passes 7-0. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

Christina Collins



Signature of Commission Clerk



Date of Acceptance -